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Expansion, Relocation For Three Retailers On Palmer Square

In a move that evokes the game of musical chairs, three long-time Palmer Square stores are planning to move to new locations within the Square.

Kitchen Kapers, the only kitchen store in town and a Palmer Square tenant since 1986, will move from its present Palmer Square East location to the store formerly occupied by The Nature Company.

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Diners
Has Closed.
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It will then expand into the current Sportsac store, which is scheduled to move to the Palmer Square West shop formerly occupied by Ruud Kahle Jewelers.

Finally, Banana Republic, also a 12-year tenant, will continue at its present location but will expand into the current Kitchen Kapers store.

While Kitchen Kapers will remain approximately the same size it is now, Banana Republic will double its current square footage.

Palmer Square Management Vice President David Newton said he understood The Nature Company had closed the store on Hulfish North because the company was involved in a reorganization resulting from its purchase by The Discovery Channel.

The store, he said, would not provide a commitment to expand into a Discovery Channel Store, and was willing only to sign a short-term lease as The Nature Company. Mr. Newton noted that The Nature Company had also closed its store in Woodbridge.

"All three tenants are very valued and we have been working on this for at least six months," said Mr. Newton. "The move allows us to give Kitchen Kapers a more viable location, and Banana Republic desperately wanted to expand so

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Township Okays Controlled Deer Hunt

Members of Township Committee agreed at their work session on January 26 to schedule a controlled deer hunt in the Township within the next year.

Their decision came in response to a report on deer herd management from the Township Wildlife Committee. Endorsed by the Joint Environmental Commission, the report recommends a number of methods — or "action steps" — to control the area's deer population. At the top of the list is the controlled hunt option.

Recent changes in state regulations allow municipalities to receive deer management permits from the state Division of Fish, Game & Wildlife. The Township would negotiate a permit for the hunt — to be undertaken by sharpshooters selected and trained by both the Division and the Township.

The report recommends also that the selected sharpshooters be tested to demonstrate proficiency in marksmanship and that the hunt be antlerless.

Committee members, particularly Michele Tuck-Ponder, expressed

sadness at being forced to embrace such an extreme means of deer control.

John Kuser, Lambert Drive, commented that he thought a controlled hunt would be the most humane and efficient way to reduce herd population.

A natural resources professor at Rutgers' Cook College, Mr. Kuser also pointed out that a controlled hunt would be finished quickly.

"We have been talking about the

deer situation for four years," commented Mayor Phyllis Marchand. "Even those who don't want killing must recognize that we have an enormous problem."

Committee members *did* reach a consensus on the stated goals of the Wildlife Committee.

They are: "to reduce the number of deer-car collisions; reduce browsing damage to landscaping; reduce loss of wildlife habitat and

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Minority Education Committee Calls For Accountability in Assessing Progress

The Princeton Regional School District possesses no database enabling the administration to track the progress of minority students through the system, according to members of the school board's Minority Education Committee. Minority student enrollment in the district is 27.8 percent.

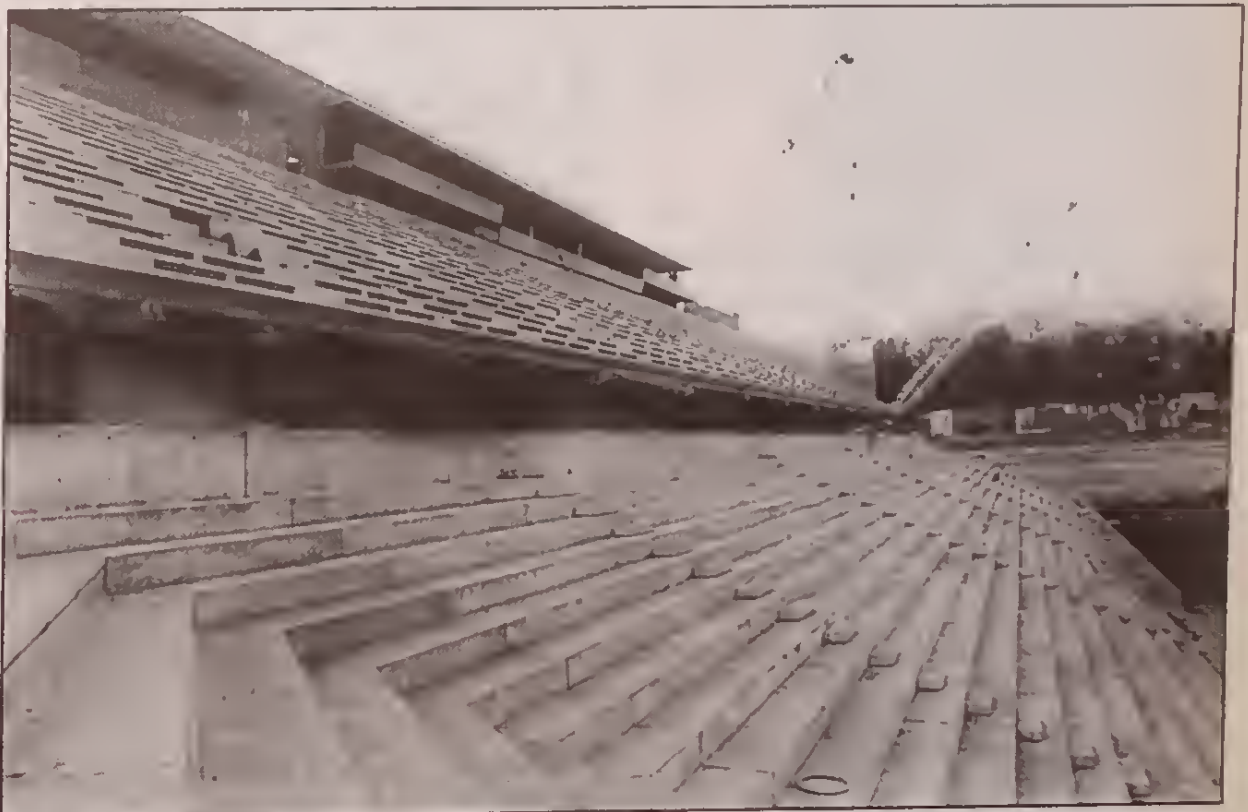
At a meeting of the committee last week, board members could provide no response to demands by minority parents for data concerning

their children's rate of academic achievement.

"The issue is how to hold people accountable," declared Todd Tieger, former board liaison to the committee. "I sometimes wonder what impact this committee is having," he added. "Can we see any change since the committee has been in existence?"

The Minority Education Committee is a standing board committee

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BUILD IT AND THEY WILL COME: Eleven months after Palmer Stadium was demolished, a new one has risen in its place. A relatively mild winter with little snow has enabled work to continue uninterrupted, and the new structure should be ready for Princeton football fans on schedule next September.

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Deer Hunt

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damage to understory in wooded areas; and achieve a biologically sustainable herd size to accomplish the first three goals (20 overwintering deer per square mile)."

"I have really mixed feelings about this," declared Ms. Tuck-Ponder. "If we make a decision to have the hunt, we must stand by it and be firm." She added that concerns about the public health dangers posed by deer would have to outweigh her distaste for a hunt.

Not only the threat of Lyme disease, but the danger to human life through fatal car collisions with deer were factors in her acceptance of the controlled hunt option, she said. She added that because it was part of an overall herd

management strategy, it was easier to accept.

Other recommendations on The Township currently allows bow-and-arrow and Wildlife Committee include special permit hunting seasons. Those hunts should be census of the "overwintering" maintained, according to the deer, to track progress in report, but they should be herd reduction; and working designated "antlerless," with the Borough and joint because the focus must be on agencies to collect, record, eliminating female members and publicize data on the of the herd in order to eliminate the birth of offspring.

A recommendation that the Township erect signs at all deer-car collision "hot spots," that would allow use of a one-elicited the remark from shot contraceptive vaccine at Mayor Marchand that residents already complain about was all but dismissed by Committee members as impractical.

To a Wildlife Committee suggestion that the Township discourage residents' use of ground-level feeding stations — perhaps even pass an ordinance outlawing feeding stations altogether — the question of how to differentiate deer-feeding stations from those for other wildlife was raised.

Tom Poole, Mason Drive, said he knew that Boulder, Colo. — where the deer problem is also acute — had an ordinance against ground-level feeding stations. "Birds and animals other than deer are fed," he declared.

As part of the deer management plan, the Wildlife Committee also recommended that the Township initiate discussions with neighboring municipalities, including the Borough, on cooperative control measures. The Township will also lobby the Fish, Game, and Wildlife Division to redirect hunting policies in the interest of controlling deer

herd population growth throughout the state.

"By including this option, in addition to the hunt, we felt we could remove some of the stress from the hunt," Elizabeth Wolfe explained.

Ms. Wolfe, chair of the Environmental Commission, added that Princeton's involvement with the Humane Society might help "push research along" on a method of deer control that did not involve killing animals.

In consenting to the controlled hunt, Township Committee agreed to consider all the other measures — but at some future date.

"We would need a detailed statement on each proposal," Committeeman Steve Frakt stated. "We would need to have a much more detailed statement of pros and cons, and to chart out who does what."

The controlled hunt option requires only that arrangements be worked out with the Division of Fish, Game, and Wildlife. According to Mr. Kuser, who is a member of the Fish & Game Council, all that is required is a Township statement of goals.

"We would have to work out the types of weapons, the locations, and the times," Mr. Kuser explained. "We would have to bait the deer with food. The whole operation could be accomplished rapidly during three or four nights in the winter."

The hunt should ideally take place during the coldest winter months, sometime in January, February, or March, Mr. Kuser said.

—Anne Rivera

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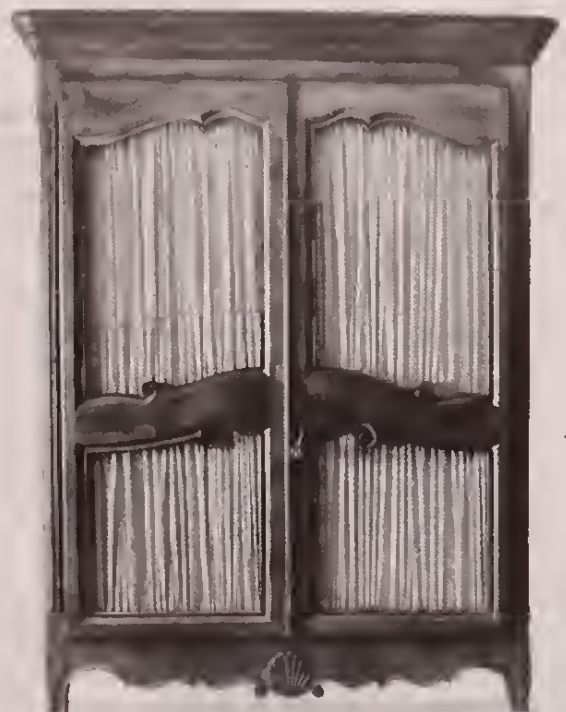
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GOVERNATORIAL HIT: New Jersey Governor Christine Todd Whitman was an immediate hit with children at the Princeton Charter School when she visited on January 21. The governor chose the Princeton site to announce state approval of charters for 23 new schools, 19 of which are scheduled to open in the fall. She also presented the school with a proclamation honoring the first-year anniversary of its charter.

Neighbors, Developer Establish Dialogue On Plans for Bunn Drive Nursing Home

About two dozen potential neighbors came to the Regional Planning Board Thursday night to have their say about plans to construct a new Princeton Nursing Home on the west side of the unimproved section of Bunn Drive in Princeton Township. Most of those attending were residents of Campbell Woods.

The facility would replace the Princeton Nursing Home on Quarry Street in Princeton Borough, which will close after all residents are transferred to the new facility.

But anyone expecting the storm and drang that has accompanied many recent development efforts would have been disappointed. For the most part, harmony prevailed between neighbor and developer. This surprising, but pleasant, turn of events brought compliments from several Planning Board members.

The wooded site on which the home is proposed to be built is bounded by Campbell Woods to the south; single-family homes fronting on

Mount Lucas Road to the west; vacant land to the north; and vacant land as well as a portion of Herrontown Woods to the east.

The proposed nursing home would be three stories high and would contain 119 beds, the same number of beds currently in the Quarry Street location.

Concept Plan Review
Up for discussion Thursday night was a concept plan, which Planning Board Chair Corinne Kyle described as basically a walk-through without a vote to give the developer a sense of what has a good chance of being approved.

Mark Solomon, attorney for the developer, Princeton LLC, said his client had met recently with residents of Princeton Community Village, Campbell Woods and Mount Lucas Road to address their concerns. He also said the builder was receptive to the idea of reducing the currently planned 87 parking spaces.

Campbell Woods resident Michael Denchak said he was concerned about headlights flashing, odors from dumpsters and noise generated by the parking lot and by climate control equipment. He also said the building plans should be better integrated with the wooded land.

Current plans show the proposed nursing home would be approximately 225 feet from the nearest home in Campbell Woods and the parking lot approximately 75 feet.

"My concern stems from the architecture of the building and the amenities it offers," said Philip Francis, a registered nurse. "It doesn't provide amenities outdoors that people with special needs require."

A land swap, consisting of three quarters of an acre, with the owner of the lot immediately to the west of the site, is proposed as part of a

separate subdivision application. This land swap squares off the subject parcel and provides a 6.14-acre tract.

The proposed nursing home will be "Y" shaped, with a 21,628-square-foot footprint for a total of 64,844 square feet, larger by a third than the current facility. The first floor will contain offices, therapy rooms, kitchen, dining rooms and service space, as well as a special unit for the care of 20 patients suffering from dementia and Alzheimer's Disease. The second and third

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Nursing Home

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floor would contain a total of 99 beds, as well as a dining facility, nurses' stations, and visitors' lounges.

The site, according to plans, would be served by a 30-foot access drive along the northern property line and a circular drop-off area on the north side of the building. There was some discussion at the meeting about moving the entrance to the southern property line.

The property is in the OR-1 zone. Nursing homes are conditional uses in this zone and no variances appear to be required.

Campbell Woods resident Landon Peters said he wanted to make sure there would be adequate screening between the development and the nursing home. His concern was that the leaves are too high to provide this screening.

William Bogner, owner and operator of the Princeton Nursing Home since 1985, told the Planning Board that 40 employees will enter the first shift; 19 the second; and 11 the third. He added that many current employees of the Quarry Street facility walk to work.

Several Board members asked that he look into providing a van service that would bring current employees to the new facility. He agreed to consider this. Such a service would not only help those workers without cars, but could reduce the number of parking spaces required.

Campbell Woods resident William Ryan said he was grateful for the previous night's meeting with the developer and with the efforts to meet the concerns of the neighbors.

Before the meeting adjourned — to be continued Thursday, February 19 — several Planning Board members took the opportunity to comment on the application.

Concerns About Current Home

Alyce Bush said she wanted to know the plans for the old

building, and noted that no representatives from the surrounding neighborhood were present. Last week, Mr. Bogner told TOWN TOPICS that he planned to sell the Quarry Street building, once the elementary and middle school for all the Borough's black children.

"I'd like the new building to be more residential, and see a better use of space in the garden," said Sandra Starr, while

Marvin Reed asked for some consideration of the lighting at night.

"I feel that the country-like setting does not seem to have much impact on the design," said Ms. Kyle. She added that the highest level of activity should be farthest from residents.

A number of Planning Board members expressed appreciation to the applicant

for his willingness to listen, and to the residents for their reasonableness. "I applaud the residents for their rational comments and I'm proud of the developer and of the citizens," said Phyllis Marchand. Steve Frakt and Richard Sinding agreed that the Board had just witnessed a rare exhibition of reasonableness both on the part of the residents and the developer.

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University Trustees Approve Changes In Financial Aid

Princeton University's trustees last weekend approved changes in financial aid policy aimed at encouraging applications from low- and middle-income students.

At the same time, the trustees approved an increase of 3.7 percent in the cost of attending the University, the lowest percentage increase in more than 30 years. Princeton's undergraduate charges will increase to \$30,531 next year.

Any student from a low-income family, who has the academic achievement to get into Princeton University, will be able to come here for no greater outlay than for a major state university."

President Shapiro added that he had no idea if other schools planned to follow Princeton's example, "but since this is not being done for competitive reasons, it doesn't matter."

The University averages approximately 13,000 applications annually for a total of 1,150 spots.

While both President Sha-

"We are doing it because we want to do everything we can to make equal opportunity in education a reality for most Americans."

Calling the financial aid policy revisions "the most important change in Princeton's financial aid policies in several decades," the trustees said they will result in a substantial increase in scholarship awards for most students on financial aid.

At a Monday morning press conference, University President Harold Shapiro said the changes were part of a long-standing need-blind admission process, and were not being enacted for competitive reasons.

"I see no reason to do this for competitive reasons," he said. "We are doing it because we want to do everything we can to make equal opportunity in education a reality for most Americans."

piro and Provost Jeremiah Ostriker voiced the hope that the new aid rules would appeal to more minority students, they noted that the changes were focused on economics.

President Shapiro said that, currently, ten percent of Princeton students are from families with incomes below \$40,000, and that he expected this figure to increase.

He said the success of the Capital Campaign helped make it possible to introduce the changes in financial aid. The campaign is at a half way point in time and has raised \$550 million toward its \$750 million goal.

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\$6 Million a Year

The new financial aid policy will go into effect with this fall's entering class and will be phased in over four years. At that point, it is expected to cost \$6 million a year.

Under the new policy, Princeton will not require any student loan when a family's income falls below \$40,000, which is roughly the national median. Also, the University will reduce its loan requirements for students with family incomes between \$40,000 and \$57,500.

In addition, when calculating what a family is able to pay, Princeton will no longer include the value of the family home for most families with incomes below \$90,000. It will reduce the contribution expected from home equity by one-half or one-quarter for all other families eligible for financial aid, and will increase its "asset protection allowance" for families who do not own their homes.

The University also announced that, as a result of recent success in raising funds specifically for financial aid for international students, the trustees have increased Princeton's scholarship budget for these students by roughly a third.

While Princeton meets the full financial needs of all American and Canadian students, financial aid for international students has been limited to a specified scholarship budget.

Average Scholarship

Princeton currently provides financial aid to some 43

One-Legged Bandit Sought in Theft Of \$140 from Township Residence

The Township Police Department is looking for information about a one-legged man who is suspected of stealing \$140 in cash from an elderly Redding Circle resident.

According to police, the suspect knocked on the victim's door at 4:50 p.m. on Saturday, and asked the victim to call a taxi for him. The victim left the room to use the telephone, and police believe that at that point, the one-legged man entered the residence and picked up an envelope containing the money.

The suspect is a heavyset black male. He wore blue pants at the time, and was using crutches.

Police ask anyone with information about the theft call Detective Sergeant John Petrone at 921-2100.

percent of undergraduates. The median family income of students receiving aid is \$70,000 and the average scholarship provided is almost \$15,000.

One of four case studies illustrating how the new policies will affect families at several income levels shows that a student from a family with an annual income of \$50,000, savings of \$15,000, and home equity of \$60,000 would receive a scholarship increase of \$3,080 to a total scholarship of \$22,500. This family benefits from the elimination of home equity and a \$1,580 reduction in the loan requirement.

It was also announced that the University is developing an early financial aid estimator program on its Web page, to be operational possibly in February.

This is designed to help prospective applicants estimate an expected family contribution, compare it with

Princeton's charges, and arrive at an estimated award. It would also break down the components of the award into scholarship, loan (if applicable), and campus job.

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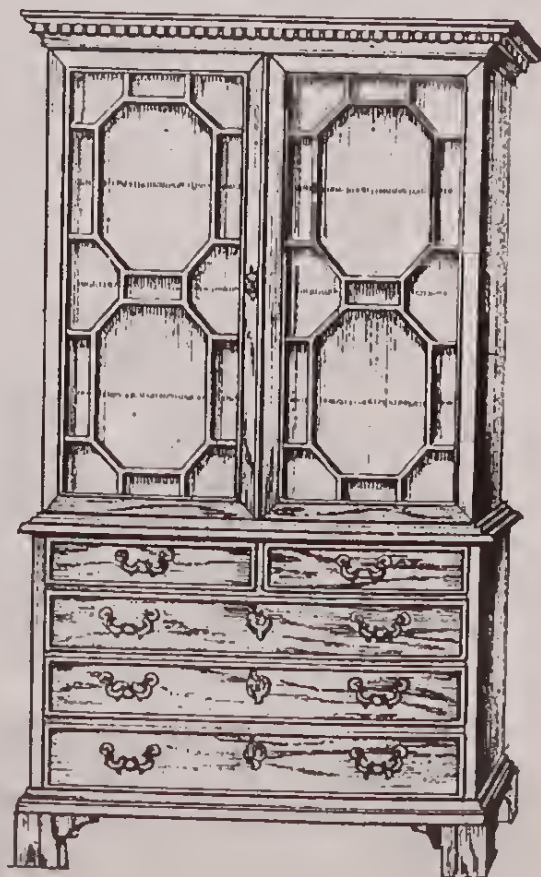
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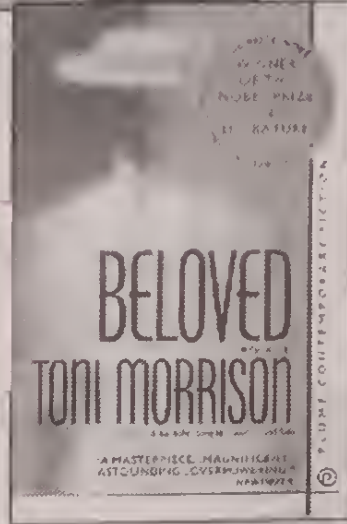
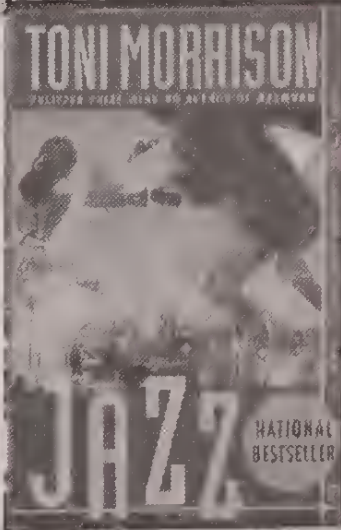
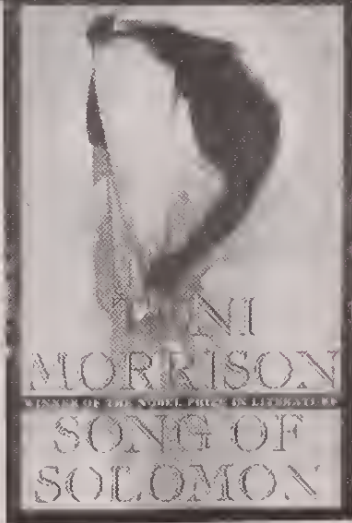
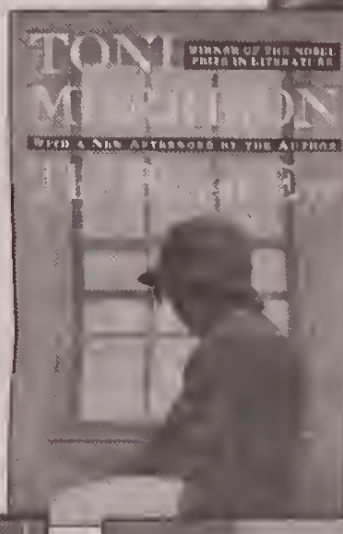
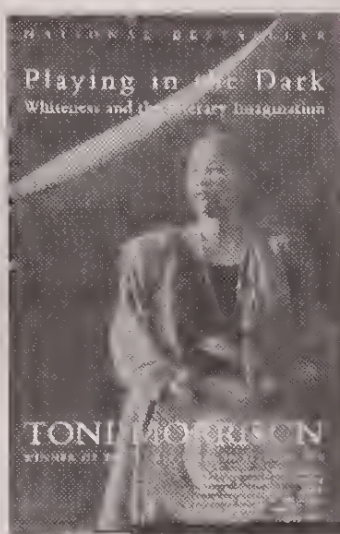
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Early Morning Fight Ends with Stabbing; Suspect Is Arrested

A 51-year-old man remained in the Medical Center on Tuesday morning, recovering from a stab wound to the stomach he received in an altercation on Sunday morning. A 20-year-old Maple Terrace man, Juan Carlos Martinez, was arrested in the attack. He was charged with aggravated assault and possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose.

Borough Police Captain Peter Hanley, bound by strict limits placed on the information he can release in incidents of domestic violence, would not give the victim's name or say where the stabbing occurred. After being listed in critical condition on Sunday, the victim had improved to "good" condition by Tuesday afternoon.

Police officers were led to the scene of the fight in a roundabout way: a call reporting that someone was "banging on a door" came in to the Township Police Department, but was forwarded to the Borough because the address given was in that jurisdiction.

According to police reports, officers dispatched to the scene arrived approximately 20 minutes after the victim was stabbed. They encountered Mr. Martinez in front of the residence, and found the victim inside.

Princeton Transit Study Needs Citizen Input

Looking for ways to provide more efficient and better-integrated transit service in Princeton, Borough officials last year asked Greater Mercer Transportation Management Association (TMA) for assistance in analyzing the existing transit system and making recommendations for improvements.

Over the last several months, TMA staff have met with government representatives, employers, students, residents and senior citizens to get a better understanding of the area's transportation needs. Meetings were also held with the various transit providers operating in the Princeton area. Existing services were inventoried and mapped and gaps and redundancies are being identified.

"Our next step is identifying how the existing system is actually being used," said Sandra Brillhart, Executive Director of Greater Mercer TMA. "To do that, we're asking residents to complete a brief survey. The results will give us specific information on local travel patterns that will help us determine where improvements are needed."

The survey form appears in this week's TOWN TOPICS on page 21 and is available at the locations listed below. Surveys should be returned by Wednesday, February 11, by one of the following methods:

Mail: Susan Winter, Greater Mercer TMA, 15 Roszel Road, Princeton 08540; FAX: 452-0028; www: princetonol.com; or drop it off at one of the following locations:

Princeton Senior Resource Center at Suzanne Patterson Center; Princeton Senior Resource Center at Spruce Circle; street entrance of Princeton University Store; Princeton Borough Hall, Office of Clerk; Township of Princeton, Office of the Clerk; or Princeton Public Library, Witherspoon Street. Drop-off boxes are yellow with the Greater Mercer TMA logo.

The TMA expects to issue its recommendations this spring. For more information, call Susan Winter at 452-8988.

Patrol Officers Sharon Center, where he underwent Papp and Alaric Cauley surgery.

Arrested Mr. Martinez without a struggle. The victim was transported to the Medical

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\$1,000 FOR EXCHANGE CLUB OF PRINCETON: The Lawrenceville Complex of Merrill Lynch has donated \$1,000 to the Exchange Club of Princeton. Gloria Trumbo (second from left) accepted the check from Richard Hyldahl, resident vice-president. Also present were Merrill Lynch financial consultants Cheryl Carrington (right) and Judy Camisa (left). Two other organizations, Greenwood House Foundation and Eastern Christian Retreat for Children also received \$1,000 as part of the company's worldwide philanthropic program marking its milestone of \$1 trillion in client assets.

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place at approximately 5 a.m. on Sunday. The report notes: "Mr. Martinez was involved in an altercation with the victim. During the altercation, Mr. Martinez took possession of a kitchen knife and stabbed the victim in the stomach."

Bail for Mr. Martinez was set at \$15,000, but he was later released on payment of 10 percent of that amount. He is due to appear in Borough Court on Monday, February 8 for an arraignment. Because the charge of aggravated assault is an indictable one, Mr. Martinez's case will then be forwarded to the office of the Mercer County Prosecutor for further action.

Superintendent's Current Contract Is Agenda Item

Speculation about Regional Schools Superintendent Marcia Bossart's future in the Princeton Regional District was scheduled to come to some kind of a head at last night's school board meeting.

Sandwiched in among other personnel items on the agenda were the words "Superintendent's Contract."

Personnel Committee Chair Todd Tieger confirmed yesterday that action might be taken on the contract.

He refused to comment further, except to say that any discussion of substantive personnel issues would, of course, occur in executive session before any board vote.

Dr. Bossart's current contract expires in June 1999. There has been speculation for some time, however, that the superintendent might accept a buyout before the contract's expiration date — even before the April 21 school election.

By contract, the superintendent is set to receive \$123,232 during the current academic year.

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Engaged by the district in May 1994, Dr. Bossart has not had an easy time as chief administrator. Opposing factions on the school board have frequently made her job of forging district policy extremely difficult.

Her reputation for using "top-down" management strategies has made her unpopular with a number of teachers, as well.

The Princeton Regional Education Association (PREA), in 1996 twice issued a vote of "no-confidence" in Dr. Bossart's performance.

Lottery for Griggs Farm To Be Held Feb. 11

The Township Housing Board will hold a lottery on Wednesday, February 11, at 7 p.m., to match eligible purchasers with 22 one-, two-, and three-bedroom affordable housing units now under construction at Griggs Farm.

To be eligible, a potential purchaser must have a moderate income, ranging from \$32,300 to \$57,200, depending on family size. The lottery will take place at Township Hall.

Township Mayor Phyllis Marchand will pull, at random, applicants' names from a bowl and assign each one a

priority number. For confidentiality reasons, no names will be read aloud. After the lottery, people who have obtained priority numbers will be further qualified for income eligibility and the ability to obtain a mortgage.

The 22 new affordable housing units are part of the subsidized housing program sponsored by the Township and supervised by the Township Housing Board. Eight of the units will be three-bedroom townhouses; 14 will be one- and two-bedroom condominiums in a separate two-story building.

One three-bedroom affordable townhouse is already finished and may be seen. It is the first new unit built in Princeton Township in several years.

Call Christy Peacock, Township affordable housing coordinator, at 497-2919, for more information or an application.

The Orleans Construction Co. is simultaneously building 46 market rate three-bedroom townhouses at Griggs Farm, that are now for sale. Completed buildings will be in the fourth courtyard of the existing Griggs Farm community, which is a mixture of market-rate and affordable housing. All units will be ready for occupancy within the next 18 months.



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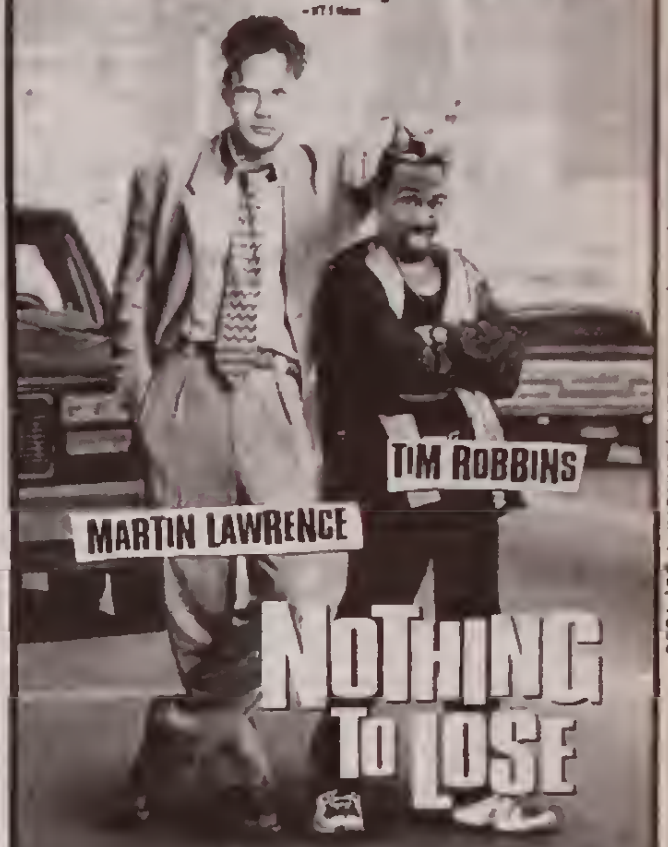
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Automobile Wreck Kills Woman At Jct. Train Station

The president and CEO of a successful local business died from injuries sustained in a car accident at the Vaughn Drive entrance to the Princeton Junction train station Wednesday evening. The accident also involved Wescott Road resident Peter J. Carril.

Karin Stratmeyer, 53, of Lawrence Township, died approximately 12 hours after the accident. Officers at the scene, said West Windsor Police Captain Greg Eldridge, reported that she appeared to have suffered only minor injuries from the accident and was conscious and speaking before she was transported to the Medical Center at Princeton. A report from the County Coroner's Office listed the cause of death as "multiple traumatic injuries."

Mr. Carril, son of the former Princeton University basketball coach Pete Carril, was also transported to the Medical Center, where he was treated for minor injuries and released.

According to police, the accident occurred at approximately 7:44 p.m. A witness reported that she saw Ms. Stratmeyer's white 1991 Honda turn left against a red light at the intersection of Alexander Road and Vaughn Drive and enter the lane of oncoming traffic.

The witness waited for the light to turn green, and then followed Ms. Stratmeyer through the intersection. She saw the Honda, still in the wrong lane, crash into Mr. Carril's 1994 Jeep.

The accident occurred in spite of Mr. Carril's efforts to

take evasive action, said Captain Eldridge. He swerved to avoid Ms. Stratmeyer's vehicle, but the passenger side of the Jeep drove up onto the passenger side of the Honda before rolling off and coming to rest on its side.

Both of the victims complained of pain at the scene of the accident, Captain Eldridge said, but neither appeared to be seriously injured. Ms. Stratmeyer was admitted to the hospital, where her condition worsened. She died at 7:48 a.m. on Wednesday morning.

Ms. Stratmeyer was president and CEO of Princeton Entrepreneurial Resources Inc., a company that supplies executive-level employees to companies for specific projects.

Originally from Ohio, Ms. Stratmeyer moved to Lawrenceville 12 years ago. She held several college degrees, including an MBA from Stanford University. An avid harpist, she is survived by her husband, Raymond Stratmeyer, her parents and a brother.

Freeholders Urge County Tax Relief For Senior Citizens

Mercer County Freeholders Paul Sigmund, of Princeton, and Tony Mack have introduced a resolution reducing the burden of Mercer County property taxes by 10 percent on average in each of the next two years for senior citizens earning less than \$10,000 annually.

Their proposal would affect 50 residents of Princeton Borough and 71 residents of Princeton Township.

The resolution would grant

\$75 in each of the next two years to senior citizens with annual incomes under \$10,000 who pay property taxes to Mercer County. As the current average annual county property tax bill for such residents is \$775, this represents approximately a 10 percent rebate, on average.


The estimated cost to the county of this proposal is \$1.1 million over two years.

According to a press release from Freeholder Mack's office, money for this plan is available in the county budget as a result of the Pension Security Legislation signed by Gov. Christie Whitman in June. This legislation cuts Mercer County's contribution to the Public Employee's Retirement System and other public pension funds from 5 percent to 4.5 percent for calendar year 1998, freeing up \$1.2 million in county funds.

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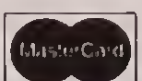
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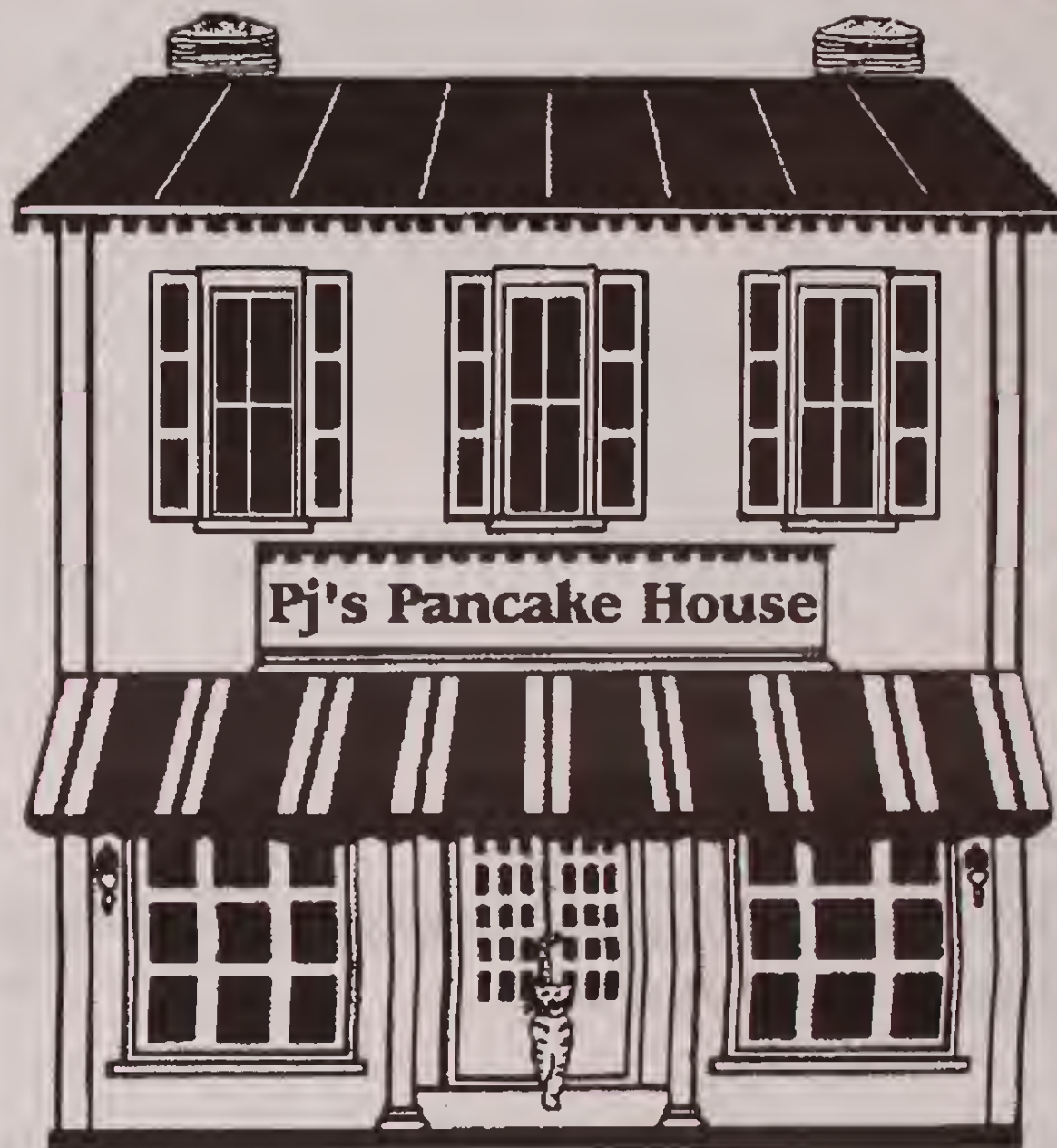
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Jefferson Debates At Middle School To Be Held Jan. 31

Eighth grade students at the John Witherspoon Middle School will hold their annual Jefferson Debates on Saturday, January 31, from 9 to 1. The public is invited.

The debates, now in their tenth year, will address two relevant constitutional issues: "The Veto and the Separation of Powers" and "Judicial Independence and Accountability."

Four teams of ten members each — all volunteers — will actually debate. Each team will address one side of one question, while other eighth graders serve as judges and score keepers.

"The unique feature of these debates is that the school invites members of the community to come and help students prepare their arguments," noted Richard Miller, one of the eighth grade civics teacher coordinators. Civics teacher Barbara Byrne is also

a coordinator.

Guidelines for debate and reference materials from the national Jefferson Foundation are available to participants, who also use the school's computer lab and library in their research.

Two school days are devoted to debate preparation and students dedicate many more hours outside of school to developing arguments and honing their debating skills.

"Ten members of the community serve as advisors," Mr. Miller noted. "We have two adults on each team, as well; after the debates, we are open to questions from the audience."

Student judges evaluate performance on the basis of criteria provided by the Jefferson Foundation, such as persuasion, organization, and other values.

"It gives our eighth grade civics students a chance to see how constitutional issues occur in real life," Mr. Miller pointed out, "and it fosters greater understanding and awareness among members of the public, as well."

Student members of the debating teams are Saran Angrisani, Adam Labib, Kathryn Budwig, Noelle Marchetta, Leela Outcalt, Rob Hillas, Sara Davison, Kal Satterwhite, Ben Moren, Alex Damen, Jon Reiman, Max Suglura, Alex Heckscher, Brett Barros, Chris Perry, Paloma Martinez, Alex Goodman, Dina Altshuler, Alex Kerr, and Shawn Parrell.

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14 Area Residents Give Birth at Medical Center

Twin sons were born to Howard and Kathleen Fiderer, Princeton Junction, at the Princeton Medical Center, on January 9. Children were also born at the hospital to 13 other area couples, during the week ending January 15.

Sons were born on January 9 to Chad and Laurie Niedfeldt, Princeton Junction, and to Chung-Jen and Pei-Ching Sun, Princeton.

Sons were born, as well, on January 10, to Eugene and Mildred Warren, Plainsboro; and to Gregg and Leigh Seipp, Princeton Junction.

Sons were born also to John and Sarah Bregenzer, Pennington, on January 13; and to Billy Serrano and Betty LaFontant, Princeton, on January 14.

Daughters were both to Daniel and Jili Posiuszny, Lawrenceville, January 9; and to Brendan and Stephanie Meiers, Plainsboro, on the same date.

Erik and Saran Venema, Princeton, became the par-

ents of a daughter on January 9, as did David and Maria Benerofe, Plainsboro, on January 11. Daughters were also born to Henry and Ma-Ohn Shwe, Princeton, January 12; Neil and Michelle Borchin, Plainsboro, January 14; and Dongjun and Zelei Wang, Princeton, January 14.

Amnesty Int'l Director To Speak in Princeton

Dr. William Schulz, the executive director since 1994 of Amnesty International, USA, will speak at the Unitarian Church of Princeton, 50 Cherry Hill Road, on Sunday, February 8, at both 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

Amnesty International is known throughout the world for its human rights activities on behalf of those victimized by political or governmental oppression, or discrimination based on race, religion, sex or age.

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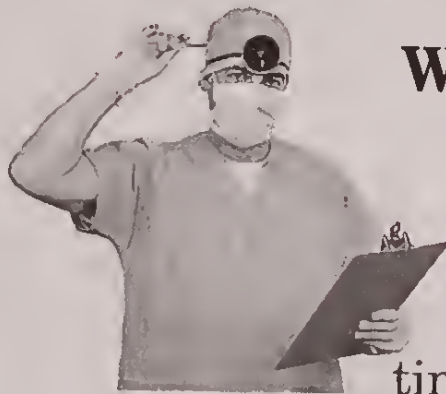
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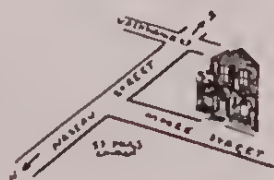
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GRANT TO CORNER HOUSE: Township Mayor Phyllis Marchand, second from right, presents a \$2,500 check to Sheryl Punia, Corner House prevention coordinator. Looking on are students Airica Randall, left, and Willy Machado. John Witherspoon Middle School Principal William Johnson is in the rear. The \$2,500 grant — to the Corner House Counseling Center for its Academic Success Today! mentor program — was from the Mercer Foundation Fund of the Community Foundation of New Jersey.

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Dr. Schulz will discuss both current American human rights issues and Amnesty International's work on behalf of prisoners of conscience in various parts of the world.

Currently a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and a frequent speaker at World Affairs Council meetings, Dr. Schulz is a former Unitarian-Universalist minister.

For information or directions, call 924-1604, Monday through Friday, between 9 and 2.

Princeton Junior School To Hold Curriculum Day

The Princeton Junior School, a private, co-educational school for children from the age of 2½ to fifth grade, will hold its annual Curriculum Day on February 1, from 2 to 4, at

the Unitarian Church on Cherry Hill Road.

Prospective parents, as well as parents of children already in the school, will have an opportunity to meet teachers, view student work, and tour classrooms. They may also view a slide presentation of a typical day in the classroom.

The school will also hold an admissions Open House on February 8, from 3 to 5, at the Unitarian Church. Families who are considering the Princeton Junior School and cannot attend the Curriculum Fair are invited to the Open House.

The Junior School offers a strong academic program that is developmentally appropriate for children at each age level. It provides a nurturing approach with small classes and enthusiastic teachers.

Spanish is introduced at the age of 4 and continued through the grades, with increasing weekly frequency.

A pre-K program for younger 5-year-olds, as well as a full-day kindergarten is offered.

In the upper school, first through fifth grade, strong emphasis is placed on reading, writing and mathematics. Music, art, drama, and physical exercise are integrated throughout the curriculum; and individualized programs are offered to meet student needs.

Construction is now underway at the school's new campus, on Fackler Road, Lawrence Township.

Local Poets to Read At Encore Books

Two Princeton poets — Elizabeth Danson and Winifred Hughes — will read from their work at Encore Books and Music, Princeton Shopping Center, on February 20. The reading is scheduled from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

The women are both members of the U.S. 1 Poets Cooperative; and Ms. Danson has published poetry in the group's anthology *Worksheets*. Her work has also appeared in the Prince-

ton Arts Review and The New Review.

The poems of Ms. Hughes, have appeared in publications such as Poetry Northwest, Dalhousie Review, and the Literary Review.

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Michael Bloomberg Gives \$5 Million To Institute Here

The Institute for Advanced Study has received a \$5 million gift from Michael R. Bloomberg, founder and CEO of the business information-services company, Bloomberg L.P. Institute Director Phillip A. Griffiths announced that Mr. Bloomberg has designated the gift for the Institute's School of Natural Sciences, which provides a unique atmosphere for research in broad areas of theoretical physics.

"Since its beginnings in the 1930s, when Albert Einstein was named as one of the first two faculty members, the Institute for Advanced Study has been one of the world's leading centers of intellectual inquiry and scholarship," commented Mr. Bloomberg. "I believe strongly in supporting the Institute's mission of scholarly research and the many contributions it has made — and will no doubt continue to make — to our fund of knowledge and understanding of the sciences and humanities."

The Institute recently decided to realize its long-held goal of being able, for the first time, to house the School of Natural Sciences in one building, which will be created for this purpose by constructing a connection between two smaller existing buildings. Construction is expected to begin in the coming year. "It is a great pleasure," Dr. Griffiths stated, "to announce the Board of Trustee's decision to name the new building Bloomberg Hall, in honor of the exceptional leadership of Michael Bloomberg."

Bloomberg Hall will mark a new era in the School of Natural Sciences, currently housed in three separate buildings. An important goal in housing the entire School in one building is to encourage the informal interactions which are a central part of both scientific research and postdoctoral education in the sciences.

"The new building will bring together scholars in the different branches of physics research that are pursued at the Institute," commented Stephen Adler, Executive Officer of the School of Natural Sciences, "and will facilitate both communication and collaboration."

Mr. Bloomberg, a trustee of the Institute for Advanced Study who also serves on the Institute's Executive Committee, has been a major donor to several educational and other nonprofit institutions. He is a strong believer in philanthropy — so strong that an entire chapter of his recent autobiography, *Bloomberg by Bloomberg*, is devoted to his ideas on giving. "I get great satisfaction out of doing philanthropy," he has commented. "My greatest love, however, is helping educational organizations."

This commitment is demonstrated by contributions at a level that last year placed him 13th among the most generous philanthropists in the country, according to *Fortune* magazine, and by the large amounts of time and energy he spends serving actively on the boards of a number of nonprofit organizations and institutions.



Michael R. Bloomberg

Latin Academy to Hold Open House Next Month

Princeton Latin Academy, a junior preparatory school for grades K-8, will hold an open house on Sunday, February 8, from 2 to 4. Prospective students and their families are invited. The school is located at Rambling Pines on Route 518 (just east of Route 31) in Hopewell.

The Academy offers a classical/liberal arts education. The curriculum, unique in its linguistic focus, emphasizes syntax and grammar, the pillars upon which reading and writing skills are built. Latin and Spanish are introduced in kindergarten; Greek, in the third grade.

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Once Totally Wired, Now Totally Finished? Verdge Technology Diner Closes Its Doors

It may have been ahead of its time, but Verdge Technology Diner was behind in the race for customers in Princeton's tight restaurant market. The Nassau Street cyber-restaurant closed its doors last week, less than three months after a widely-advertised re-opening that featured a new interior, a new menu, and new management.

Reached on Monday afternoon, president and CEO Aldus Chapin would only confirm that the restaurant had closed on Friday, and that there is a chance that it will re-open, in Princeton or elsewhere, at some time in the future.

The Nassau Street Verdge was expected to be the showcase location for a chain of "technology diners." As recently as October, shareholders were predicting two more sites open in Northern New Jersey and Long Island by mid-1998. At this point, expansion appears to be on hold.

Opened in March

It was nearly two years ago that then-president and CEO Jeff Ross made public his intention to open a cyber-café on Nassau Street. Called Totally Wired, the café was to offer cutting-edge computer technology in a restaurant atmosphere. Totally Wired was originally slated to open in the summer of 1996, but the project ran into various delays before it was launched with a gala reception in March of 1997.

In the space that once held Allen's, a children's clothing store, Totally Wired's shareholders had constructed a glistening 5,500-square foot paeon to communications technology. The restaurant featured 40 computer stations linked to an in-house network of games and applications as well as a lightning-fast T-1 Internet connection. Designed by Ralph Lemer, dean of the Princeton University School of Architecture, the two-level space featured a sleek metal-and-glass outside, and an interior of exposed brick and varnished wood.

Once open, Totally Wired's life was short and turbulent. Within the first month, Mr. Chapin said in an October interview, the restaurant was facing unexpectedly high

operating costs and distressingly low customer flow. By late May, the five major shareholders in the venture had decided that a major change was necessary.

Mr. Ross resigned his position in June, and Mr. Chapin, a former regional manager for Au Bon Pain restaurants, took over in July. "The cost of providing technology was a disaster, it was so expensive," Mr. Chapin said at the time.

Mr. Chapin brought in a new vice president for retail operations and a new vice president for technology, and the restaurant closed briefly for another round of expensive renovations. The stated aim was to re-focus on the quality of the food and service, and to make the technological aspect of the restaurant less pervasive and less intimidating.

Verdge re-opened in November amid a barrage of ads in local newspapers, but was soon foundering again. Regular patrons report that the menu became more limited week-by-week, suggesting that the restaurant's management had seen Friday's closure on the horizon.

Lack of Interest?

It seems likely that multiple factors, including high overhead and a not-quite-ideal location, contributed to the demise of Verdge, but there is also some evidence to suggest that the cyber-café concept itself just might not fly in Princeton.

Bucks County Coffee Company, a longtime fixture on Palmer Square, recently removed a pair of computer terminals from its seating area, citing a lack of customer interest.

The computers offered Internet access for \$4 per half hour, and had been in the store for approximately two years. Assistant manager Kristin Scimeme reported that they were rarely used. "Most people come in here to read or do homework. It wasn't paying off," she said.

"I would have to say that 90 percent of people around here have their own computers at home," she added. "Why come here and pay four dollars a half hour when they're paying \$30 a month for Internet access at home?"

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Township Ordinance Would Restrict Private Tree-Cutting

Township Committee introduced an ordinance at its meeting on January 26 that would limit the rights of residents to cut trees on their own property. The vote was unanimous.

If the ordinance is passed, residents would be allowed to cut down no more than eight trees over a two-year period, without a permit.

A permit would be required in order to cut a "landmark tree" as designated by the Shade Tree Commission; permission would also be necessary for the removal or destruction of a tree that extends over a public right-of-way.

In order to cut 50 percent or more of mature trees (those having a diameter greater than six inches at a point one foot above the ground) during a one-year period, residents would have to obtain permission from the Township Engineering Department. As indicated, the first eight trees on a lot would be exempted.

The purpose of the ordinance, which has been under discussion for several months, is to prevent conditions that create erosion, drainage problems, and loss of wildlife habitat or that detract from neighborhood appearance.

Pat Taylor, a representative of the Shade Tree Commission, spoke in support of the ordinance, pointing out that it does not infringe on property owners' rights, but rather protects the rights of everyone.

Awash in Mud

"If you're downhill from someone who has cut all their trees, you'll be awash in mud," she noted in no uncertain terms.

In cases of violation, the Shade Tree Commission will be empowered to recommend administrative fines and penalties, based on the value of the trees in question.

If a violator refuses to abide by the Shade Tree Commission penalty and does not pay the fine within ten days, the matter will proceed to Township Municipal Court.

Application for a tree-cutting permit would be by letter to the Township Engineer. In addition to a precise description of the location, by lot and block number, the application will have to be accompanied by a sketch.

The ordinance would allow the Township Engineering Department 15 business days to evaluate an application before responding.

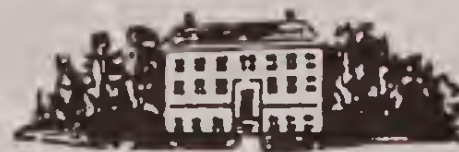
In emergency situations — if a tree posed "imminent danger to life or property," no permit would be required. Notification to the Township would, however, be mandatory within three days of removal.

In an endorsement from the Environmental Commission that he read to the Committee on Monday, Commission member Anthony Lunn cautioned, "It is important that the issuing of permits not become a rubber-stamp procedure."

He urged that all requests for modification be scruti-

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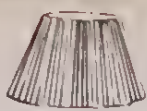
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nized, declaring, "We would like to make the point that if exceptions to the ordinance become routine, the ordinance loses its meaning."

A public hearing on the matter will take place during the Committee meeting of March 9.

—Anne Rivera

Schools Expected to Cut \$500,000 from Budget

Business Administrator Dan Swirsky was expected to present a report on the 1998-99 school budget at the School Board meeting January 27, that would recommend the elimination of \$500,000 from an original draft budget proposal.

The administration has already managed to reduce a potential deficit of \$1.5 million to less than \$1 million. If Dr. Swirsky's recommendations for a further \$500,000 budget cut were to go through, the remaining shortfall should be less than half a million dollars.

Funds have been pulled from non-instructional programs, such as operations and several miscellaneous categories, according to reports.

The administration suggested a \$100,000 cut from the substitute teacher budget and deferred the hiring of a plumber, as well as the replacement of the Princeton High School electrical system. It would also defer the installation of fiber optic lines in several schools.

Dr. Swirsky was expected to suggest that the district save money, in addition, by adopting a period of austerity, eliminating any non-mandatory expenses in the

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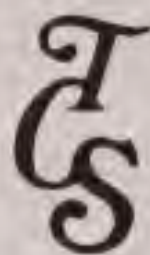
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CHESS CHAMPS: Princeton elementary school students, from left, Justin Huang, David Grier, Justin Staple, and Rafi Witten, display trophies they won at the New York City Scholastic Chess Championship tournament held January 10 and 11, at Manhattan Community College.

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current budget between March 1 and June 30.

The funds thus saved, plus an end-of-year district surplus would be sufficient to offset any shortfall in 1998-99 operating costs.

Princeton Children Win Chess Trophies in NYC

Several members of the Princeton Children's Chess Foundation brought trophies home from the Greater New York City Scholastic Chess Championship tournament, played January 10 and 11 at Manhattan Borough Community College.

Justin Huang, a student at the Princeton Charter School, garnered a trophy for best fourth grade player and also won eighth place in the elementary school category; Rafael Witten, a Littlebrook School student, took fourth place in the elementary school competition; and Littlebrook School's Michael Grier won fifth place in the

unrated elementary school category.

The four highest-ranking Littlebrook players — Michael Grier, Rafael Witten, Justin Staple, and Emma Ellis — comprised a team that came in sixth in competition with groups from other primary schools.

In all, 28 youngsters — competing individually or as members of a team — took part in the two-day event. Schools represented included Chapin School, Johnson Park School, John Witherspoon School, Littlebrook School, Maurice Hawk School (West Windsor), the Charter School, Princeton High School, Riverside School, and Stuart Country Day School.

The Chess Foundation is an independent, nonprofit organization open to students in all area schools. The group is composed primarily of elementary school children, but membership is open to everyone under the age of 18, according to foundation president Richard Cohn.

"This year is the first year

that we have held regular weekly meetings," Mr. Cohn noted. The group, with a membership of 120, convenes at the Princeton Charter School, 575 Ewing Street, after school hours every Monday, and on Friday evenings.

Membership is available through a child's school. "We are now in the process of registering for the winter," Mr. Cohn said. "Notices have been sent to all local schools and to the children whose names are on our mailing list."

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At its conclusion, last year's fund totaled \$65,100, a new record and \$20,000 more than the previous year's final total of \$46,889. As of this Tuesday, January 27, \$64,080 in contributions had been received.

While it would be nice to reach a new record, that is not what is important. What really counts is that residents of Princeton and the surrounding area have dug into their pockets and generously given to their neighbors in need.

Each year, the money collected by the fund is sent to Family and Children's Services of Central New Jersey. In their office in Dorothea's House, at the top of John Street, counselors meet with people who come to them for help when all other sources have dried up.

The assistance provided is obviously important. But also appreciated by those in need is knowing that there is a place they can turn to when all other doors have closed.

This is TOWN TOPICS' 52nd annual appeal, and the growth in giving over the years has been extraordinary. In 1976, the fund received \$4,000. Five years later, \$7,500 in contributions was sent. In 1986, \$16,000 was raised; and in 1991, approximately \$26,000.

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MAILBOX

Issue of a Baseball Field on Weller Farm Is About Appropriateness, Not Desirability

To the Editor of **Town Topics**:
Having read with some amusement Mr. James Mahon's impassioned defense of youth baseball in Princeton, in which I find myself as the principal villain, I must respond.

Mr. Mahon has managed to completely miss the point of the discussion about the proposed baseball diamond on the Weller farm. The discussion is not about the desirability of baseball in Princeton. The question is rather one of appropriateness in this particular location.

Support for projects like this seems to be in inverse proportion to proximity. It is easier to be enthusiastic if you are on the other side of the road and well screened than if it is in your immediate back yard.

Why does the neighborhood prefer soccer to the baseball field? Apart from the fact that the permanent backstop and other structures will dominate the landscape, a more serious consideration is the virtually inevitable lighting of the field in the future. The camel would already have his nose in the tent.

Mercer County has a policy that all baseball fields will be lighted. We have recently seen local promises overturned in Lawrenceville, where lights have been installed on a neighborhood field like this one, at the insistence of the County, in spite of promises made by local authorities at the time of construction that there would be no lights. One of the phone calls of support received by the North East Residents Association (NERA) came from a Lawrenceville neighbor of that field warning us of the consequences. To quote from *A Field of Dreams*, "If you build it, they will come" (lights).

If the need for more baseball fields is so acute, we wonder why the existing fields at Community Park South could not be modified for the purpose. Are the baseball advocates pressing for development in this area?

The NERA representatives on the Weller Farm Steering Committee, for whom I was speaking, have found the Soccer Association much more sympathetic to the wants of the neighborhood, and we encourage their support in returning the proposed baseball diamond to the originally intended soccer use. They were the most vigorous advocates of the land purchase at the public hearings, and it seems ironic that they are now nearly shut out.

T.B. FISHER
Snowden Lane

The Answer to Too Many Cars and Trucks Is Not to Bring More into a Neighborhood

To the Editor of **Town Topics**:
I understand the frustration Sidney Willis expressed last week in his letter to TOWN TOPICS. Princeton's reluctance to embrace the Millstone Bypass concept must be troubling to the residents of Washington Road in Penns Neck.

I do not sympathize with Mr. Willis, however, when he complains that Princeton is difficult to travel through quickly in a car, for it is precisely this aspect of Princeton that makes it a uniquely wonderful place to live.

I also take exception to the "we"/"they" tone of the letter, as if the people of Princeton think they are special. Then again, maybe the people of Princeton are special, and maybe they know it. I know I feel lucky to live here, and that it's the best town I have ever lived in.

Why do I, and so many people all over see Princeton as special? I believe it comes down to two things, quiet beauty and vital community.

And why do quiet beauty and vital community exist here in Princeton? Because we are a community that has resisted the progress that Mr. Willis would have us swallow. We have survived to this day without having been overrun and split apart by automobile traffic.

The people of Princeton have long cherished the human scale of the town that has come to us from a time in history predating the automobile. We value the quiet beauty of neighborhoods that allow personal peace and human commerce and interaction not dominated by the noise, disruption, and dangers of automobile traffic. For decades we have stood up to forces that believe as Mr. Willis does, that "Progress says that more traffic needs better roads..."

I am sorry that Mr. Willis and other individuals are suffering the deleterious effects of too many cars and trucks in their neighborhood. But the answer is not to bring more of us into that suffering.

His assertion that Washington Road is congested "morning, noon, and night..." is way off. And to praise the Bypass concept with the image that mothers with baby carriages will go down to a field near Route One to be near some elm trees is ridiculous. It would be a dead-end place, stuck between two highways, and would make no sense to visit until University buildings take over, which would seem inevitable.

My suggestion is that we look ahead, especially the DOT, since they get paid to think about these things all day, to understand that a time will come when there will be no more land on which to build roads. It only makes sense, land in New Jersey being finite. We will have to stop building new roads. So, let us do now whatever it is that we will have to do then.

Let us take that next step now, imagining that we must do it now, before we make things insufferable for us all. I would think that you, Mr. Willis, could see my point.

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Minority Report Opposing Baseball Field
Also Represents a Minority Opinion

To the Editor of Town Topics:

The new Barbara Smoyer baseball field is a field of dreams for Princeton's youth. I served as a member of the Steering Committee, of which there were 17 members, as the representative for youth baseball to develop the former Weller farm. After six months of work, the Steering Committee came up with an excellent park plan. I have lived near the new park for over ten years at the corner of Herrontown Road and Snowden Lane. Needless to say, our family and I travel back and forth past the new park entrance many times each day, and we are affected by the project as much as anybody.

The Steering Committee came a long way, compromised, settled some disputes, and made a lot of progress. The final design submitted to Township Committee, as agreed upon by the entire Steering Committee, reflects site characteristics and is responsive to the needs of the Township, neighborhood concerns, and fits within the budget. It includes a regulation-size youth baseball field, regulation-size youth soccer field, a multi-purpose play area, which will be used as youth soccer fields, and be available for other youth athletic activities, and passive recreation areas which include gardens and picnic tables. The conceptual park plan is consistent with the neighboring residents' desire for the park to be used as a youth athletic facility and for passive recreation only.

The new Smoyer baseball field enjoys wide support from many neighbors in the area near the park, and overwhelming support throughout the Township. There is a very pressing need for this field in Princeton. Many people may not realize it, but Princeton does not have a regulation baseball field. The field in the conceptual park plan is similar to fields in all the surrounding communities. The three fields at Grover Park are Little League fields. The four fields at Community Park are adult softball fields that can also be used as Little League fields. The field at Valley Road is a mixed use baseball/soccer field. The field at Hilltop is an adult softball field.

Princeton teams have to travel to West Windsor, Hopewell, Montgomery, Hamilton, Ewing, etc. The players, coaches and parents are tired of travelling and are embarrassed that Princeton does not have the proper facilities.

The West Windsor Little League is about the same size as the Princeton Little League and it has five playing fields and seven practice fields! The three Little League fields at Grover Park are inadequate to accommodate the number of teams. Little League teams are supposed to play two games a week and practice once a week. However, there is not enough field space for all teams to practice once a week. Nor is there any field space for a rain-out to be made up.

In 1998, the Little League program is being greatly expanded and will include a 7-year-old division for the first time. Little League will now require five fields instead of the three at Grover. This will cause the displacement of adult softball teams from Community Park.

When the new Smoyer field is ready, Babe Ruth will move some of its schedule to Smoyer from Hilltop and the adult teams can move to Hilltop. The Little League plays in a District with Little Leagues from 18 other communities. Our Little League cannot host home tournament games with other communities, because the Little League District considers the fields at Grover unsafe. The safety problems are the stone walls that adjoin the playing fields and the lack of dugouts. The Little League fields for all of the other 18 communities have dugouts.

The president of the Little League District told me, that if we do not get dugouts, no other teams from our District will come here to play. He said that the other communities do not want players, especially pitchers, coming off the field and sitting in the sun. Heat exhaustion in youth athletics is a much more common and a serious problem than with adult athletics.

Dugouts also serve as lightning shelters. This past summer, our 10-year-old Little League all star team was playing in West Windsor. A sudden storm came up and there was no time for the children to rush to cars. Instead, they huddled in the safety of the dugouts. This was not the only time this has happened. A similar storm occurred two years ago in Ewing and one of our youth teams again took shelter in the dugout. The dugouts in the conceptual park plan will be available to anyone who is in the park and will be marked as lightning shelters. All the neighboring communities take these simple steps for youth baseball safety. It is unfathomable to me that these risks are taken with our children in Princeton.

When Township Committee voted to approve the purchase of the Weller tract for use as a park, members of the Committee were widely quoted as saying how much good it would do for youths. The concept plan to be submitted to the Planning Board is an excellent plan for Princeton youths, balancing the needs of soccer and baseball. It is an outstanding community project and will enhance our neighborhood. The baseball field is a vital element of the plan, for which there is a critical need. Princeton youths have waited a long time for this baseball field and will play ball there for the next 100 years.

Smoyer baseball field is a field of dreams and dreams come true. If you support the baseball field, please send me an email: jfmahon@concentric.net or a fax 609-921-3381 With your name(s) and address. Your name and address may be used publicly in print, in a newspaper advertisement and/or at a meeting as a supporter.

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Save Weller Farm for Soccer by Improving Baseball Fields at Community Park South

To the Editor of Town Topics:

Before the public controversy over baseball versus soccer versus the Weller Farm neighbors gets totally out of hand and litigation results, let me suggest a possible solution which should resolve the competition for playing fields in Princeton and hopefully defuse the animosity which is now being generated on this issue.

When the Weller Farm purchase was first made public it was made clear by members of Township Committee that the primary purpose was to provide soccer fields to meet an existing need and a foreseeable shortfall for those facilities — especially given the potential loss of the Princeton University soccer fields on Washington Road.

While there were some neighbors in the immediate area who were terribly concerned about the impact that Weller Farm soccer fields would have on traffic and property values, other neighbors were reassured by repeated representations from Township Committee members that the Weller Farm would retain its open space ambience with movable soccer goals and no permanent structures.

The current proposal for an American Legion baseball complex, complete with a permanent backstop, chain link fencing, bleachers, "lightning proof" dugouts and a concession stand for vending machines and fund-raising sales, is clearly contrary to the original public representations made by the Township Committee when the purchase of the Weller Farm was being justified and is the antithesis of the open space ambience and the general public access which was promised to be preserved.

The Youth Baseball Association makes a telling argument that a state-of-the-art regulation-size American Legion baseball field is needed in Princeton. This argument does not, however, justify the removal of soccer fields from the Weller Farm, nor does it justify the intrusion of the permanent facilities and the quasi-commercial use now proposed for this rural/residential area.

There are currently nine baseball fields in Princeton Township: four at Community Park South, three at Grover Park, one at Hilltop Park and one at Valley Road. The field at Valley Road is shared with Princeton High School and has been used in the past as the home field for Princeton's American Legion baseball team. In addition, Mercer County provides two regulation-size baseball fields in Mercer Park, which are used as the home fields for the West Windsor and Hightstown American Legion teams.

My sons played both baseball and soccer and I am very supportive of the dedicated coaches and other volunteers who make these programs work. It is therefore my suggestion that the Weller Farm be returned to soccer use as originally proposed and that the American Legion baseball complex be located at Community Park South where one of the existing four baseball fields can be improved to meet the needs articulated by the Youth Baseball Association for American Legion baseball.

Please bear in mind that Community Park South, with its existing backstops, bleachers, lighted courts, bathroom facilities, and other amenities is ideally suited for the improvements and activity proposed for American Legion baseball, whereas the original dawn to dusk, open space use proposed for the Weller Farm is not.

I would therefore urge the Youth Baseball Association to devote their considerable talent to improving the existing facilities at Community Park South, while at the same time I would urge members of Township Committee to honor their original representations that the open space and general ambience of the Weller Farm will be preserved, both for the surrounding neighbors and for the general public.

ELLEN F. SOUTER
Snowden Lane

A Second-Rate Baseball Facility Will Not Attract Kids to the Game

To the Editor of Town Topics:

The commissioner of little league baseball, Jim Mahon, got it right when he asserted that the proposed athletic facilities on the former Weller farm are "a field of dreams for Princeton's youth." As the story goes, build it and they will come. But if wrongly-built, they will lose interest. And that's what is at stake in the debate aroused by the nit-picking posture portrayed in the so-called "minority subcommittee report" presented at the January 12 Township Committee meeting.

A baseball field properly constructed has fences, a backstop and dugouts as a matter of safety for both participants and spectators. Subordinating matters of safety to aesthetic preference, which is the implication of the position taken by the minority subcommittee, is irresponsible. The field should be constructed in accord with the well-conceived plans developed by the Steering Committee.

Those plans have evolved out of a diligent and responsible process, taking into consideration a multitude of conflicting issues, the end result of which would be an athletic facility to serve our community's best interests for many years to come.

Kids being as perceptive as they are will recognize a second-rate facility for what it's worth. The baseball program will suffer as a result. Instead of attracting more of them out to participate in the wholesome activity of competitive sport, we will only swell the number of the disillusioned ... hanging out at Burger King, skate-boarding off the walls.

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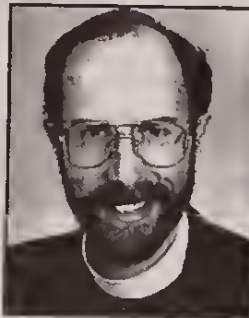
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IS FORGIVING WIMPY?

By the Rev. Peter K. Stimpson



The Rev. Peter K. Stimpson

QUESTION: My friend recently forgave her husband who had been cheating on her. Instead of throwing him out, she wimped out. Can't someone be nice and have a spine at the same time?

ANSWER: True forgiveness has a growing edge, the trick being to be both sensitive and assertive. Let us look at these two elements in more detail.

Being sensitive without being assertive can, as you put it, make you look "wimpy". It opens you to abuse, as others often misinterpret your kindness as your election to the "sucker of the month" club. In the case of your friend, forgiveness does not mean allowing her husband to take advantage of her, but rather challenging him to grow, seeing whether his apology has teeth in it.

Giving him this chance is not simply based upon her kindness, it is also based upon his ability to change. God gave him an intellect with which to think, a will with which to love, and the Holy Spirit with which to discern. He must use those gifts to face why he turned out of the marriage to solve his problem, instead of coming to her to work it out together. Is he selfish, seeing people as pawns to manipulate? Or, is he confused, thinking that love is a quantity instead of a quality, and that two women are better than one? Or, is he scared, avoiding conflict by not facing what is wrong in his marriage? Whatever the reason, his growth, and that of their marriage, are predicated upon facing the issues. Should he try to duck what is wrong, the marriage can not be right. She offers him a choice: grow or go.

Being assertive without being sensitive can make you look cruel. While no one will step on you, no one will want to be your friend either. In the case of your friend, forgiveness means offering the above choice in a calm and kind voice, not yelling or being sarcastic. While her knee-jerk reaction may be to blow up or seek revenge by an affair of her own, how will that really help? He would probably get defensive, counterattacking that her mouth is what forced him out the door. Or, he might figure that her affair evens the score, and then conveniently excuse himself from looking at the truth.

Admittedly, they both have to look at the truth. Rarely are marital problems the fault of one person alone. Hence, she may have forgiven him because she realizes that she is partly to blame. Adultery is a problem, but it is also the symptom of a bigger problem in the marriage. If all was well in the marriage, the affair would most probably never have happened.

So, forgiving someone does not necessarily mean "wimping out". It means facing the truth, but doing so with kindness. It means, as one person once put it, using both sandpaper and blankets. While Jesus was quite assertive, he was always willing to forgive, even on the cross. Are you?

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Living Next to Baseball & Soccer Fields Is a Pleasant and Positive Experience

To the Editor of Town Topics:

I am writing to support the conceptual park plan for the former Weller Farm as presented by the Recreation Department to the Township Committee on January 12. It is an excellent plan which will provide much needed recreational facilities with balanced variety of outdoor sport fields fair to Princeton youths and citizens. I would like to ask the Princeton Planning Board to approve the plan without change. However I am aware that some neighbors of the new park object to the design, particularly the structures associated with the baseball field, out of fear of several issues, some of which I would like to address.

First of all, I would like to thank the Smoyer family for their generosity in donating the one million dollars toward the purchase and construction of this park. It was their desire to have a multipurpose recreation facility which included soccer and baseball fields among other things.

Princeton Borough and Township have not yet provided a genuine baseball field for our youths, which has the regular safety devices and dimensions to meet the standard set by national baseball leagues so that intra-town and inter-town games could be played here. It is time for Princeton to catch up and provide such a facility for its youths.

Also, there is no question that Princeton needs more soccer fields because the days of borrowing fields have been terminated by Princeton University. The Princeton Soccer Association was much more vocal at the time of the proposed purchase because of this urgent sense of homelessness while the representatives of the baseball associations were not as vocal about their need as the PSA. The major issue at that time was whether this tract available for sales would become a recreation park or a housing development. The result was that it would become a recreation park, thanks to all of those who participated in the process.

The next task of recommending what fields to include in this park came from the joint work of Steering Committee and Recreation Department. Now, the reality has to be faced and the practicality has to be dealt with. The major difference between the two types of fields under consideration is that the size of the soccer field can be adjusted easily to smaller dimensions for younger players while a baseball field, once designed for a particular age group, cannot be changed on a daily basis. Thus, a regular game-size soccer field plus a multipurpose third field can become several playable soccer fields for practice and/or games. The baseball field is left dedicated and is designed to meet the regular required standards.

Let me further qualify myself by the fact that my house is one of the few in Princeton actually facing a fenced-in field with the combination use of soccer and baseball — the Valley Road Field. Our front room is about 100 feet from a four-foot fence, about 200 feet from the field for soccer games, and about 700 to 800 feet from the home plate of baseball games.

Note that this field was not fenced in until around the mid-1980's. It was a bi-level field with lots of poisonous weeds and was flooded after each heavy rain because it had no drainage system. The Princeton Regional Schools spent a major amount of money (our tax dollars) to renovate the facility with drainage and sprinkler systems, installed back-drop fences for foul balls and protected the field from sabotage or animal feces by erecting the perimeter fence.

The advantages of this improvement are that the field is much more playable for games or practices and informally by children from our neighborhood, and the shoulders now have grass instead of weeds. Generally speaking, the noise levels associated with practices are much less than games, and a baseball game is quieter compared to a soccer game due to the use of horns and whistles in soccer games, but all noises stop almost instantly when the game is over. The cars disappear from sight faster than one can imagine. Since there are no lights for any night games, our evenings have always been quiet.

We happily accept these activities any day over any possible housing development for this field. The fields at Weller Farm will not have lights either. Therefore, one can extrapolate from our experience concerning the overall pattern of use from Valley Road Field and it is not at all disruptive to our daily lives.

As to the concern by some Weller Farm neighbors about the impact of their property values from this recreation park, let me say that we bought our house because of the location, which includes this open field in front (without mowing responsibility). I know another Princeton University faculty member who, after his promotion to tenured faculty, told his wife to buy a house with only one criteria for himself and their son: it must be within walking distance of a baseball park. Needless to say, they could not find one in Princeton, and have bought a house in Lawrenceville.

These two are of course the extreme cases. But my message to Mr. Fisher, Mr. Souter and company is: Fear not for your resident property values to decrease. I bet there will be families lining up to buy your houses when you are ready to move on. Meanwhile you could enjoy watching some free games of your choice without getting into your cars after the facility is built.

I am not a vocal activist for political issues at all. I only try to speak occasionally for those who cannot, like for the dogs twice in the past, and currently for the children of Princeton. I beg you, the elected officials, to provide the much-needed facility for them so that all Princetonians can enjoy the Park for years to come.

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I, as this reviewer did, you get out your Complete Works of Shakespere and read Cymbeline before going to see it as No. 3 in the McCarter Theatre's current Drama Series, you will probably agree that this production, directed by Mark Lamos, should be called "Miracle on University Place."

For what Mr. Lamos has done with this rarely performed, over-plotted, complex and confusing play is little short of miraculous. (McCarter's Artistic Director Emily Mann co-produced the play, which closed Mr. Lamos' term as Artistic Director of Hartford Stage.)

This Cymbeline evening is enormously enjoyable; in some ways a kind of parody of itself and of other Shakespeare plays, thanks to Mr. Lamos' creative and pervasive sense of humor and his skill as an editor: He has done some judicious cutting.

All of this pays off handsomely in the play's final scene when the surviving major characters come together and straighten out their tangled relationships. They do this in other Shakespeare plays — but here there are more of them (Cymbeline has a cast of 30, all but 10 Actors' Equity members) and their relationships are more tangled. The scene is laughable in some ways, but it is moving, too, because we have come to care about some of these survivors.

Leaves Us in High Spirits

Princeton Professor Thomas P. Roche, Jr., who lectures on Shakespeare's works including Cymbeline, had warned us that we might find the play more enjoyable in the performance than in the reading, but we had no idea it would leave us, along with others around us, walking up the aisle afterward, in such high spirits.

For those who will not be consulting the Works before seeing the play, a word about the Cymbeline story:

This was one of Shakespeare's last three or so plays, written in the early 1600s, and set in the reign of Britain's King Cymbeline around the time of Christ's birth when Britain and Italy were on very bad terms, the former paying a tribute to the latter, a complication that gets straightened out before the evening ends.

Both Cymbeline (Michael Lipton) and his Queen (Cristine McMurdo-Wallis) have had earlier marriages and children thereof: the king, an attractive marriage-age daughter,

Imogen (Felicity Jones); the Queen an almost unbelievably oafish marriage-age son, Cloten (Kyle Fabel).

The Queen, and her obedient spouse, want Imogen to marry Cloten and make him heir to the throne.

But Imogen has better taste and a better idea: she has already married a childhood sweetheart, Posthumus (Rick Holmes). The Queen is so irritated she gets her queen-pecked husband to banish Posthumus from Britain. Before he painfully takes off for Rome, he and Imogen exchange vows of everlasting loyalty and pricey gifts: she to him a dazzling diamond ring, he to her a fabulous bracelet.

The Key Character

Imogen is the key character in this drama. She is attractive and loved, not only by Posthumus but by other key characters, particularly Pisanio (John Doman), Posthumus' servant, and two young hillbillies who are, unbeknownst to themselves, her 20-plus-year-old brothers who, at 2 and 3, were stolen from their kingly father and brought up in a mountain hideout.

The casting and acting and direction of Felicity Jones as Imogen has a lot to do with this production's success.

Much the same could be said of Kyle Fabel as Cloten. He is at times desperately, farcically funny without ever being sympathetic. He is an unbelievably but convincingly comically ill-meaning fathead with an expressive body and face and voice. This is an extremely important factor in Mr. Lamos' interpretation of the play, because something mighty unpleasant happens to Cloten, which, if we liked or sympathized with him, would damage our enjoyment of the play. But as it is, we get gory violence without pain.

In his banishment, Posthumus falls in with some rich young Roman blades, including one fachimo (Eddy Saud) who almost immediately, and quite implausibly, pooh-poohs Posthumus' avowed faith in Imogen and bets him a large sum of money against his big diamond ring that he, fachimo, can go over to Britain and seduce Imogen.

Comic Tone Important

If this were a dead-serious play, it would die of implausibility at this point. But by now Mr. Lamos has created a comic tone that permits us to enjoy the play without seriously believing it. Sex, so important to this production's future, is smuggled into the play in somewhat the same way lachimo smuggles himself into Imogen's bedroom in a trunk allegedly full of treasures from which to emerge when she's asleep, to spot the evidence that will win him his wager with Posthumus.

Normally, when the plotting hand of the playwright becomes visible, a play dies; but not a farcical comedy-melodrama, where most anything goes if it produces enjoyable action.

And action aplenty ensues, including a war between Britain and Rome and a large, fierce on-stage battle. One may wonder whether this scene is important enough to justify its cost in time and actors' salaries, but it is beautifully performed and contributes to a feeling that no expense has been spared to make this a really really BIG production, one that may well go beyond Hartford and Princeton to a New York known to appreciate the love and sex and violence and larce that abound in this seldom-seen Shakespeare work, floating on a sea of the bard's lovely language.

We have not mentioned Paul Steinberg's set design, which can perhaps best be called highly effective abstract art: shiny dingbats dangling and shimmering from above, shiny walls, no furniture, fascinating shutter-like openings and closings of walls, a life-size shapely nude female statue to tell us when we are in Rome.

Susan Hillferty's costumes are superb.

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Theatre, Film Stars Verdon, Parker To Speak at McCarter

McCarter Theatre will present "A Conversation with Gwen Verdon and Sarah Jessica Parker" on Monday, February 9 at 7 p.m. This free event is open to the public and reservations are not necessary.

Co-sponsored by Micawber Books, this special evening celebrates the publication of *Eight Women of the American Stage: Talking About Acting*, a new book by Roy Harris, which presents interviews with many of the foremost American actresses working in theater and film today. In addition to Ms. Verdon and Ms. Parker, the other women featured in the book are Joanne Woodward, Mary Alice, Judith Ivey, Cherry Jones, Mary McDonnell and Donna Murphy.

In her foreword to the book, McCarter Theatre Artistic Director Emily Mann writes, "This book is a gift to anyone who loves the theater. Roy Harris invites us inside the rehearsal room, inside the hearts, and inside the minds of eight of our greatest performers." Mr. Harris and Ms. Mann will also be participating in this conversation about life inside the theater.

Four time Tony Award-winner Gwen Verdon is the greatest dancing musical star in Broadway history. Her list of starring roles in hit shows is legendary: *Can-Can*, *Red-head*, *Sweet Charity*, *Damn Yankees* and *Chicago*. She has been the muse of some of the most influential directors/choreographers

Brandenburg Concertos to Be Played On Princeton Campus by Concert Royal

Concert Royal, the New York-based period instrument orchestra under the direction of James Richman, will present J.S. Bach's Brandenburg Concertos, the third concert of its "Going for Baroque" series, on Saturday, January 31, at 8 p.m. in Richardson Auditorium, Alexander Hall.

Featured soloists will include such artists as John Thiesen (baroque trumpet in F), Sandra Miller (flauto traverso), Stephen Hammer (baroque oboe and recorder), Cynthia Roberts (violin and Violino piccolo), David Miller (viola), Judson Griffin (viola), Lisa Terry (viola de gamba), and Susan Ladone (viola de gamba).

Concert Royal was founded in 1974 by James Richman, noted harpsichordist, fortepianist, and one of the leading conductors of Baroque music. Performing the repertoire of the 17th and 18th centuries on original instruments, Concert Royal presents a multifaceted approach to the period by programming all genres of music: orchestral, vocal, opera, and opera-ballet.

Mr. Richman was bestowed the rank of Chevalier in the French Order of Art and Letters for his contribution to early music.

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including Bob Fosse, Jack Cole and Michael Kidd. Ms. Verdon comes to McCarter directly from Toronto where she is currently working on a new show spotlighting the choreography of the late Bob Fosse.

Stage and film star Sarah Jessica Parker's performance as Winnifred the Woebegone in the 1996 revival of *Once Upon A Mattress* prompted a major New York critic to write, "Sarah Jessica Parker lights up the Broadway stage." Ms. Parker's other Broadway credits include *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying* and *Annie*. She appeared in the world premiere productions of Wendy Wasserstein's *The Heidi Chronicles*, Jon Robin Baitz's *The Substance of Fire* and A.R. Gurney's *Sylvia*. On film, her break-

through role was SanDeE, the beautiful and delightfully dim Valley Girl in Steve Martin's 1991 comedy, *L.A. Story*.

In the last few seasons, Roy Harris has stage managed on Broadway Wendy Wasserstein's *An American Daughter*, *The Sisters Rosensweig*, and *The Heidi Chronicles*, and the revival of Tennessee Williams' *Summer and Smoke*. Off-Broadway, he stage managed Jon Robin Baitz's *A Fair Country*, A.R. Gurney's *Sylvia*, and Scott McPherson's *Marvin's Room*, among others. He is the editor of *Conversations in the Wings*.

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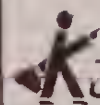
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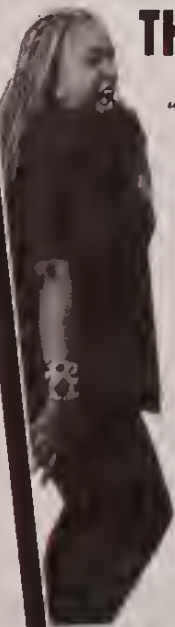
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Robert Taub To Remain at Institute As Artist-in-Residence

Pianist Robert Taub, who recently completed a four-year appointment as the first Artist-in-Residence in the Institute for Advanced Study's 65-year history, has accepted the Institute's invitation to continue as Artist-in-Residence for an additional three years. Dr. Taub will lead the Institute's Concert Series in an entirely new direction in the years ahead, constructing a series of programs that will elucidate the history and expressive evolution of Western music by focusing upon significant eras and highlighting specific works from Bach to the present.

During his initial appointment Robert Taub performed and recorded the entire Beethoven piano sonata cycle in a series of three programs annually. Due to the series' popularity, each program was performed three times, and was recorded and issued by Vox Classics as a series of five double-CDs. The programs were also aired nationally on National Public Radio's "Performance Today," and locally on WWFM/89.1's program "Beethoven in Einstein's Woods."

In November 1998, at Carnegie Hall, Robert Taub and the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra with James Levine will perform the world premiere of a new piano concerto by Milton Babbitt. The Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation has commissioned this work from Babbitt for Levine and Taub.

While at the Institute, in addition to performing nine concerts annually, Dr. Taub



Robert Taub

gives a number of talks and is completing a book on Beethoven, scheduled to be published by Princeton University Press early in 1999.

Dr. Taub is an internationally acclaimed leader in the new generation of virtuoso pianists. He has performed throughout Europe, the United States, the Far East and Latin America. His repertoire in recital and with leading orchestras embraces music from the Classical era to the present day and he has collaborated with several American composers to create their music.

He is the winner of major international prizes including the Peabody-Mason Award of Boston. His recordings have been selected as "critic's favorite" by several leading publications.

Next Series Screening In a New Location

The Global Cinema Cafe, which has moved from The Arts Council to the Third World Center, will hold its next free screening on Sunday, February 8, at 4 p.m. The Third World Center is at the corner of Olden Lane and Prospect Avenue.

In celebration of Black History Month, the Cafe will present Marlon Riggs' Emmy-award-winning film, *Ethnic Notions*. This traces the evolution of the deep-rooted stereotypes which have fueled anti-black prejudice, including loyal Toms, carefree Sambos and faithful Mammies. Narration is by Esther Rolle.

Princeton University Professor Nell Irvin Painter said of the film, "Decades of studying Afro-American history did not prepare me for the devastating impact of this film. Anyone claiming to understand our nation's past must see this documentary."

Producer, writer and director Marlon Riggs, a former

professor at UC Berkeley who recently died of AIDS, is known for his other work, including *Color Adjustment*, *Tongues Untied*, and *Black Is ... Black Ain't*.

The video discussion will be led by Prof. Noreen Duncan, chair of the English Department at Mercer County Community College and past president of the Central Jersey Network of Black Women.

Videos are shown in an informal setting with cookies, coffee and tea, the second Sunday of every month, and are followed by an open discussion.

Richardson Players In "Vienna by Night"

Princeton University Concerts will present The Richardson Chamber Players, Michael Pratt and Nathan A. Randall, artistic directors, in an unusual program of old favorites in new guises on Friday evening, February 6, at 8 p.m. in Richardson Auditorium. Entitled "Vienna by Night," the evening features familiar orchestral works in transcription for chamber ensemble.

Mezzo-soprano Barbara Rearick will be heard as soloist in Gustav Mahler's *Lieder einer fohrenden Gesellen* (Songs of a Woyforer). The program also includes the *Prélude à l'opéra-midi d'un fou* of Claude Debussy, *Waltzes of Johann Strauss* (The Emperor Waltzes, *Roses from the South*, and *Wine, Women, and Song*), the *Berceuse élégiaque* of Ferruccio Busoni, and several surprises.

Other featured performers include Jackie Carrasco and Victoria Young, violins; David Miller, viola; John Whitfield, violoncello; Maureen Lort, double bass; Jayn Rosenfeld, flute; Matt Sullivan, oboe; Karl Herman, clarinet; Brian Kershner, bassoon; Laura Oltman, guitar; Michael Newman, mandolin; and Elizabeth DiFelice, piano; and Mike Ikeda, harmonium. Michael Pratt will conduct.

The Richardson Chamber Players is the ensemble-in-residence at Richardson Auditorium, a special project of Princeton University Concerts.

Tickets for the February 6 concert, priced at \$20, \$15, and \$10; students, \$2; are available through the Richardson Box Office, open Monday through Friday, noon to 6 p.m., and two hours before events requiring tickets. Reservations may be made by telephone at 258-5000.

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He adds that customers are especially drawn to the attractive setting of the office, which features displays of vintage glasses, family photos, music from the 1930s and '40s, as well as an extensive selection of the latest in eye wear.

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After earning a B.S. from Cornell and a masters from Bucknell University, Dr. Boname graduated from the New England College of Optometry. This past December, she became a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry.

Large Assortment

"As an optometric physician, I am certified to treat diseases of the eye, prescribe drugs and ointments, and glasses," explains Dr. Boname. "I do general eye examinations, fit contact lenses, and treat red or irritated eyes and glaucoma."

Both contacts and glasses are popular today, she notes, but with the tremendous assortment of frames available now, there is increased interest in glasses.

"Glasses are really a fashion statement now," she points out. "There is something becoming to everyone, and with the much lighter frames, they are very comfortable."

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Progressives or multifocal lenses (without lines) for distance, intermediate, and reading are very popular today, he adds. "If a pair of progressives is fitted properly, they will give the most natural vision," he explains. "But they are not for everyone. It's important to know what a person's motivation is."

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Engagements and Weddings

Engagements

Ankers-Peters. Kathryn Belle Ankers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray H. Ankers, Madison, to Christopher Lamborn Peters, son of Mr. and Mrs. Landon Peters, Campbell Woods Way, and Edgartown, Mass.

Miss Ankers is a graduate of Charlotte Latin School in Charlotte, N.C., and the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, with a degree in business administration. She is employed as a senior vice president with NationsBank in Dallas, Tex.

Mr. Peters, a graduate of Princeton High School and Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vt., is a graduate student at Columbia Business School in New York City. Following graduation in May, he

will be associated with Texas Instruments Inc. in Dallas, Tex.

The couple plans a June wedding.

Lloyd-Eglin. Ellen Campbell Lloyd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lloyd, Philadelphia and Avondale, R.I., to Thomas Wilson Eglin, Jr., son of Mrs. Thomas W. Eglin, Lawrenceville and Watch Hill, R.I., and the late Thomas Eglin.

Ms. Lloyd attended Franklin College in Switzerland. She is pursuing studies in studio art and art history at Moore College of Art and Design, Philadelphia.

Mr. Eglin, a graduate of Connecticut College, is president and chief operating

officer of Lexington Corporate Properties, Inc., a real estate investment trust in New York City.

The couple plans a June wedding in Watch Hill, R.I.

Muller-Cucchi. Julie Muller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Muller, Princeton-Kingston Road, to Anthony Cucchi, son of Florence Alaimo Cucchi, Southern Way, and Paolo Cucchi, Madison.

Ms. Muller is a graduate of Princeton High School. She graduated *magna cum laude* from Colgate University, Hamilton, N.Y., where she was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. She is pursuing a master's degree from Columbia University, and is employed as a teacher at the Nightingale-Bamford School in New York City.

Mr. Cucchi, also a graduate of Princeton High School, graduated from Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y. He is currently a student at the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies.

The couple plans a December wedding.

Cucci-Galiardo. Gardella Paola Cucci, daughter of Drs. Cesare and Gilda Cucci, Suffern, N.Y., to Christopher DeTurk Galiardo, son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Galiardo, Crooked Tree Lane.

Ms. Cucci is a graduate of Choate Rosemary Hall, Wallingford, Conn., and Franklin & Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa. She received her law degree from New York Law School, New York, N.Y. She is employed as assistant general counsel for American International Group Inc., New York City.

Mr. Galiardo is a graduate of Princeton High School, Colgate University, Hamilton, N.Y., and Boston University School of Law, Boston, Mass. He is a criminal defense attorney for the New York County Defenders in New York City.

An October wedding is planned.

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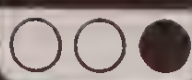
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Mr. Noble is a graduate of Brandeis University. He received his M.B.A. degree from New York University and is a securities analyst at HSBC James Capel in New York City.

The couple lives in West Orange.



Mr. and Mrs. Charles Edward Lofton

Lofton-Crespi. Judith Shoshana Crespi, daughter of Joan and Irving Crespi, Orchard Circle, to Charles Edward Lofton, son of Ellen Floyd, Eufala, Okla.; at the Warwick Hotel, Philadelphia, Rabbi Bernard Perlmuter and Father Chris Reilly co-officiating.

The bride is a graduate of Princeton High School. She holds a B.A. degree from the University of Pennsylvania and an M.S. degree from Drexel University. She is employed as a science writer at Trinity Communications in Conshohocken, Pa.

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32 Landscape Photography
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Three photography exhibitions, "Emmet Gowin: Aerial Photographs," "Photographs by Thomas Joshua Cooper," and "Photographs by Robert Adams," will open at The Art Museum, Princeton University, on February 3, and continue through March 22.

"Emmet Gowin: Aerial Photographs" is the first museum exhibition dedicated exclusively to Mr. Gowin's aerial photography of the American West. Born in Danville, Va., in 1941, Mr. Gowin lives in Newtown, Pa., and has taught in the Visual Arts Program at Princeton University since 1973.

His work has been exhibited in the United States and abroad, including the Museum of Modern Art, New York, in 1971 (with Robert Adams), the Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C., in 1983, and Espace Photographie Mairie de Paris, in 1992.

In 1990, the Philadelphia Museum of Art organized a retrospective exhibition and catalogue, *Emmet Gowin: Photographs*, that traveled to seven American cities. Other publications on the artist include a monograph published in 1976 and a catalogue of his photographs of Petra.

Over the past ten years,

Mr. Gowin has made a series of aerial photographs surveying the American landscape, creating a reconnaissance of the post-war West, a significant departure from his well-known intimate portraits of his wife and family.

Inspired by a 1986 flight over the Hanford Nuclear Reservation in the state of Washington, the facility that refined plutonium for the American nuclear weapons program, he began a search of the contemporary landscape that included ICBM silos, mining sites, and immense pivot irrigation agricultural fields, culminating in a series of images of the Nuclear Test Site in Nevada.

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While these photographs document man's ability to affect massive changes to the earth and environment, they also are sensitive to the slower but more deliberate actions of the natural world. Using a sophisticated toning process that separates multiple tones across the image, Mr. Gowin's prints reveal both specific places and the anatomy of the natural world in an almost topographic fashion.

Celebrates Acquisition

"Photographs by Thomas Joshua Cooper" celebrates the acquisition by The Art Museum of a major group of the artist's work. Born in California in 1946, Mr. Cooper is widely recognized on the international photographic scene, and is a permanent resident of Glasgow, Scotland. He is a Founding Member of the Scottish Society for the History of Photography and a professor in the Department of Photography at the Glasgow School of Art.

Exhibitions of his work include a 25-year retrospective at the Center of Modern Art in Lisbon, Portugal, in 1995, which was accompanied by an extensive catalogue, *Simply Counting Waves*. Among numerous publications, Mr. Cooper has produced three monographs on specific places where he has photographed.

Sequence of Five

"Photographs by Robert Adams" also features an important new acquisition by The Art Museum, a sequence of five photographs titled *Southwest from the South Jetty*, taken at the confluence of the Columbia River and the Pacific Ocean along the



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Born in Orange in 1937, Mr. Adams has made his home in the West since 1962, first in Colorado and now in Oregon. His work has been exhibited at the Museum of Modern Art, New York, in 1971 (with Emmet Gowin) and was included in the important exhibition "New Topographics: Photographs of a Man-Altered Landscape," organized in 1975 by the George Eastman House in Rochester, N.Y., which later traveled to The Art Museum among other venues.

A dozen books of Mr. Adams's photographs have been published, as well as two collections of essays, *Beauty in Photography* and *Why People Photograph*. In 1989, a major exhibition and catalogue, *To Make It Home: Photographs of the American West*, was organized by the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and traveled to museums across the country.

In addition to the Columbia River series, the exhibition at Princeton will include photographs of Colorado and Los Angeles from The Art Museum's collection of the artist's work. Mr. Adams was among the first landscape photographers to confront the intrusion of settlement and development in the landscape.

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Arts Council to Exhibit Figurative Ceramics

An exhibition of figurative ceramics by Princeton Ceramics Professor James Jansma will be on view at the Arts Council of Princeton's WPA Gallery from February 2 to 27. A reception open to the public will take place on Wednesday, February 4, from 5 to 7. On Thursday February 12, from 7 to 8, Mr. Jansma will give a talk and slide presentation.

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Wednesday, January 28

7:30 p.m.: Charter School Board of Trustees, 575 Ewing Street.

8 p.m.: Township Zoning Board, Valley Road Building.

8 p.m.: Shakespeare's Cymbeline; McCarter Theatre. Also Thursday and Friday at 8, Saturday at 4 and 8:30, Sunday at 2 and 7:30.

Thursday, January 29

7:30 p.m.: Joint Recreation Board, Township Municipal Building.

8 p.m.: Ballet du Capitole de Toulouse; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

Friday, January 30

12:30 p.m.: Gallery Talk, Princeton University Art Museum; "Abstraction in Contemporary Art," by Museum docent Cionna Rosenthal. Also Sunday at 3.

7:30 p.m.: Men's Basketball, Cornell vs. Princeton, Jadwin Gymnasium.

8 p.m.: *The Circle*; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8 and Sunday at 2:30. Dessert served one hour before curtain.

Saturday, January 31

10 a.m.: Saturday Winter Storytelling Series, the Arts Council of Princeton, 102 Witherspoon Street, for children ages 3 to 6. Featured storyteller Jim Rohe. Also, at 11, for children ages 6 and above.

11 a.m.: Children's gallery talk at Princeton University Art Museum; "Finding Mexico City," by Alice Westlake, museum docent.

2 p.m.: "The Teddy Bear's Picnic Magic Show"; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College, West Windsor. Also at 4.

7:30 p.m.: Men's Basketball; Columbia vs. Princeton, Jadwin Gymnasium.

8 p.m.: Westminster Choir, conducted by Joseph Flummerfelt; Presbyterian Church of Lawrenceville, Main Street. Commemorating 300th anniversary of the church.

8 p.m. Westminster Community Chorus; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College.

8 p.m.: Concert Royal, The Complete Concertos of J. S. Bach; Richardson Auditorium.

8 p.m.: New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, Zdenek Macal, conductor, Brahms Festival; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

Monday, February 2 Recycling Pick-up

7 p.m.: Township Committee, Valley Road Building.

7:30 p.m.: Regional Board of Education Personnel/Policy/Legislative Committee, Valley Road Building.

7:30 p.m.: *Utamaro and His Five Women*, Japanese film with English subtitles; McCosh 10, Princeton University. Sponsored by the University East Asian Studies Program.

Tuesday, February 3

6 p.m.: Regional Health Commission Sexually Transmitted Disease Clinic, Princeton Medical Arts Building, 253 Witherspoon Street.

7:30 p.m.: Talk, "Sacred Mountains of the World," Edwin Bernbaum, UCLA, Berkeley; McCormick 101, Princeton University.

8 p.m.: Borough Council, Borough Hall. Work Session.

Wednesday, February 4

12:30 p.m.: Organ Concert, Kenneth B. Kelley, director of music, Nassau Presbyterian Church; Princeton University Chapel.

Thursday, February 5

9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.: Princeton Health Department Healthy Child/Well Baby Clinic, Princeton Medical Center Medical Arts Building, 253 Witherspoon Street. Call 497-4900 for appointment.

7:30 p.m.: Regional Planning Board, Township Municipal Building.

8 p.m.: Shakespeare's Cymbeline; McCarter Theatre. Also Friday at 8, Saturday at 4 and 8:30, and Sunday at 2.

8 p.m.: Sheridan's *The Rivals*; Rutgers Arts Center, New Theater, George Street at Route 18, Douglass College campus. Also Friday and Saturday at 8, Sunday at 2.

Friday, February 6

12:30 p.m.: Gallery Talk, Princeton University Art Museum; "Op Art in Antioch," by Museum docent Klaus Florey. Also Sunday at 3.

7:30 p.m.: Men's Hockey, Colgate vs. Princeton, Baker Rink.

8 p.m.: "Vienna by Night," Richardson Chamber Players; Richardson Auditorium.

8 p.m.: *To Kill a Mockingbird*, George Street Playhouse. Also Saturday at 2 and 8, Sunday at 2.

8 p.m.: *The Circle*, Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8, Sunday at 2:30, with dessert served one hour before curtain.

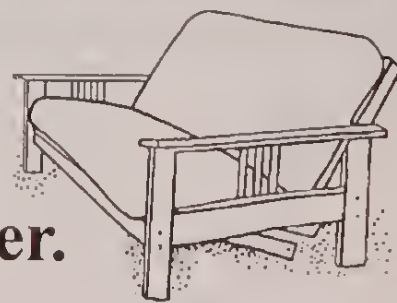
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PDS Hockey Rolls Over 2 CVC Teams For 10-2-1 Record

When the Princeton Day hockey team began to lose regularly to Colonial Valley Conference high school teams four years ago, it was another sign of the Panthers' problems in the sport.

Last week, coach Chris Barless' team took care of business against the two best teams the CVC has to offer, West Windsor and Notre Dame, and beat them by the combined score of 17-0. These two teams had defeated the Panthers each of the last several years, but that doesn't look like it will happen again anytime soon.

"It was a nice week for us," said Barless. "We have slowly climbed all year, and we want to keep climbing."

A week ago Wednesday was just one more indication, if another was needed, of the difference between this season and last. In 1997, the Panthers lost to West Windsor-Plainsboro, 6-0, this contest was a mismatch in the other direction.

Scoring four goals in each of the first two periods, and two more early in the third, the Panthers sent everyone home early when the 10-goal rule was invoked by the referees. It was the first time in five years the Pirates had suffered this embarrassment.

Matt Blatterfein led the

Blue and White with three goals, followed by Craig Weissmann and Ryan Thornton with two apiece. Single tallies were scored by Alex Nanfara, J.D. Schaub and Brian Avery. Alex Mathews and Alex Waller had two assists apiece.

Avery, who also added an assist, was taunted with the chant of "sellout, sellout" by WWP fans. After a sparkling freshman season during which he scored 44 points, the sophomore forward had transferred from West Windsor to PDS, and his departure is a major reason why the Pirates are 2-9 so far.

On Friday Notre Dame came to the newly-built Lisa McGraw Rink with an 11-3-2 record, and did not fare much better, losing 7-0. The Irish spent almost the entire contest trying to get the puck out of their zone, harassed by tight forechecking by PDS. They managed just 12 shots on goal, and Andy Warren easily turned those aside.

Meanwhile PDS built its lead steadily period by period. Ryan Thornton and Schaub scored in the first period, Avery and Woller added one apiece in the second, and Blatterfein, Nanfara and Mark Treilman finished off the scoring in the final stanza.

Notre Dame's first string goalie Pat Hannigan with his 1.96 goals-against-average was not in the net for this one, serving a one-game suspension instead. That left back-up Marc Luciani to face 35 PDS shots, but it'd doubtful if Hannigan, good as he is, would have turned the outcome in favor of the Irish.

PDS Quintets Both Win Over Local Opponents

One victory was expected — the other an upset — as the Princeton Day boys' and girls' basketball teams both won Monday.

Coach Jill Thomas' girls pulled off the surprise, beating Lawrenceville, 44-40, in overtime at home. And a victory looked even more unlikely by halftime when the visiting Big Red led 19-10. At the start of the fourth quarter Lawrenceville still led by seven, but Jess Collins hit on seven of eight free throws in the final period to lead the Panthers to a 37-37 tie at the end of regulation.

In overtime, Tracy Spinner got free for a pair of layups, Collins sank two more free throws and Ann Schloring, one, to insure the win. Collins finished with 13 points, Kari Zarzecki had 10 and Spinner, 11. PDS is now 5-7.

Alan Taback's boys (12-4) had no trouble with a 4-11 Hun team on the road, winning 51-31. A 19-6 run in the first quarter put this one away for the Panthers. J.P. LaBosco had 22 points; Justin Leith added 16. Alana Karafin led the Raiders with 19.

PDS Girls Routed Twice By Area High Schools

The Princeton Day girls basketball team continued to find assignments outside the prep league very difficult to handle. Last week the panthers were beaten handily

twice, once by Princeton High and then by Trenton.

The losses, which gave PDS a three-game losing streak dropped its record to 4-7. This week the going may be a little easier against prep opponents George School, Morristown-Beard and Wardlaw-Hartridge.

Playing Princeton High at home a week ago Wednesday, PDS got off to a great start, and led 12-6 after one. But PHS roared to life in the second quarter, outscoring the Panthers, 22-10 for a 28-22 lead at the intermission. The third period was just as one-sided, with the Tigers upping their lead to 48-33; the final score was 59-42. Tracy Spinner led PDS with 16 points, Annie Jamieson contributed 11.

That loss was followed by a trip to Tornado Alley to play Trenton, and by the end of the first quarter, coach Jill Thomas' girls must indeed have felt that a tornado had hit them. After the first eight minutes of play they trailed 18-0. The Panthers' most productive quarter came in the second when they scored 10 points, but THS poured in 18 more for a 36-10 lead at the half.

The third quarter was more of the same as the home team outscored the Blue and White 20 to five. The final was 64-22, and maybe it's time to institute a 30-point rule in basketball, similar to the one they have in baseball and softball. Kari Zarzecki led PDS with 11 of the 22 points.

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STOPPED! Lawrenceville goalie, Annie Whittaker blocks a shot by Princeton Day's Stacey Orr during last Thursday's game. Led by captain Lawson McNeil, the Big Red won the contest, 5-2, on two goals by Tylia Chevalier, and one each by Laura Kornhauser, Meg Roddy and Courtney Thompson.

PHS Tops PDS 59-42, But Falls to WW-P, ND

The Princeton High girls came out on top when they faced local rival Princeton Day School on the basketball court last week. Led by junior Tonya Johnson's 28 points, Princeton High rallied from a 12-6 first quarter deficit to win 59-42.

The Tigers got an additional 11 points from Julie Ross, and Muntl Abdul-Karim also reached double figures, with 10.

Only one day prior to the win over PDS, the Tigers had endured a 72-37 beating at West Windsor-Plainsboro High School. The host Pirates, needing a win to boost their hopes of qualifying for the state tournament, rushed out to a 25-6 first quarter lead, and limited PHS to only four points in the second quarter, to lead 42-10 at the midway point.

Things evened out a bit in the second half, but the Tigers were never in contention. Johnson scored 22 points keeping her near the top of the list in Mercer County scoring (she is currently second, with 19.1 points per game). Others putting in points for PHS included Kim Kaczmarek, with six, and Ross with four.

A fiercely competitive Notre Dame team, which at 10-1 is

Tough Tests Ahead For Hun Ice Hockey

The Hun School Ice Hockey team emerged from its exam break to pummel visiting Westfield 8-1 at Iceland over the weekend. The Raiders scored four unanswered goals in the first period, and coasted to the easy win from there.

Nick Burke scored three goals and had one assist, Geo Harris had four assists, and Ian Young had two goals and an assist, and Pete Baker scored one goal and one assist to lead the Raiders.

Also having an excellent game was goalkeeper Kevin Walker, who turned back 31 of 32 Westfield shots.

The Raiders plunge into one of the most difficult parts of their schedule this week. They played Pingry on Tuesday, too late for this issue. On Wednesday, the Raiders play St. Joseph's, at Iceland at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday brings a meeting with CVC power Hightstown.

considered to be one of the top 10 squads in the state, squad beat up on the Tigers 68-30 on Friday. The Irish led 45-16 after two quarters, and the difference only got larger in the second half.

Johnson scored 13 for PHS, and Ross scored nine.

PHS hosted Trenton High a week ago Tuesday, too late for this issue. On Friday at 7 p.m., PHS travels to Lawrence High School, and on Saturday, at 1 p.m., the Tigers host the Hun School. On Tuesday, PHS goes on the road again, playing Steinert at 7 p.m.

Tiger Five Falls Twice To CVC Opponents

The Princeton High boys' basketball team had a hard time with undefeated West Windsor-Plainsboro a week ago Tuesday. The Tigers fell behind the Pirates 22-10 in the opening quarter, and the gap kept widening through the remainder of the game.

The final 64-42 score gave the Pirates their tenth consecutive win against no defeats this year.

PHS had 10 points from sophomore Brig Tallmadge, the only Tiger to make it into double digits. Daryl Boone scored six points, and Ott Phanthavong, Jesse Carter, and Jeffrey McDermott scored five apiece.

The score was slightly closer, but the result was the same on Friday, when PHS fell to Notre Dame 64-47. The Irish dropped the Tigers to 1-10 by pulling ahead with a strong second quarter, and running away with the game in a 22-13 fourth quarter.

Boone paced the PHS effort with 14 points. Alonzo Green chipped in with 10. Linwood Marshall scored eight, Jay Curtis scored seven, and Phanthavong scored six.

Princeton played Trenton on Tuesday, too late for this issue. On Friday, the Tigers host Lawrence in a 7 p.m. game. The next afternoon, the Hun School team will visit for a 4 p.m. start. On Tuesday, PHS plays Steinert at 7 p.m. in the third home game of the week.

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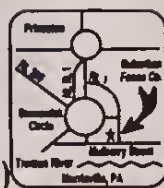
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SCORED! Princeton Day's Lauren Welsh had both goals for the Panthers in the loss to Lawrenceville. Here she is congratulated by Jenn Gladden (center) while sister Alley Welsh (right) looks on. On Saturday, Alley got the only goal as Princeton Day lost to Chesapeake Bay, 3-1. Its record is now, 3-6.

(Photos by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

PDS Basketball Whips 2 Foes, Record Is 11-4

It was a bit of a ho-hum week for the Princeton Day basketball team last week, as the Panthers won a pair of one-sided contests to push their season's mark to 11-4. In doing so the Blue and White stretched its current winning streak to five.

This week coach Alan Taback's team will face Morristown-Beard on the road on Thursday, and meet St. Benedict's Prep at home on Saturday. Mo-Beard

should not be a problem, but St. Benedict's may present a challenge.

One quarter into the game against Trenton in Tornado Alley a week ago Wednesday, it looked like the Panthers were going to absorb an awful beating. Seven turnovers helped the home team leap out to a 17-6 lead after the first eight minutes.

"I think we were just too hyped up for this game," commented PDS' J.P. LaBosco. "We were just too riled up and needed to start playing our game."

At that point Trenton surrendered and never scored again, while the Panthers scored 14 more for a 60-44 final. LaBosco's 21 points was tops for PDS, followed by Ted Shoaf with 16 and Justin Leith with 14.

Forty-eight hours later being "hyped up" certainly was not the problem against Peddie. If anything the first quarter was a struggle for both teams to get something going. They scored just 12 points between them with Taback's troops taking an 8-4 lead.

Princeton Day came alive in the second half, scoring 16, and led 24-13 by the intermission, as the Falcons continued their tepid play. When PDS outscored the visitors 20 to five in the third period, this one was a wrap after three. Leith led with 22, followed by Shoaf with 18 and LaBosco with 12.

That began to happen in the second period, and by halftime PDS had cut the deficit to 30-25. By the end of the third quarter, the Blue and White actually had a three-point lead, 43-40. But it wasn't until a three-pointer by Charlie Denby that PDS took the lead for good, 46-44.

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For more information — and to sign up for a food donation — call 921-6439.

At the next meeting of **55PLUS**, on Thursday, February 5, at 10 a.m., Dr. James DeMarco will speak on techniques for producing images of arteries and veins, through the use of magnetic resonance angiography (MRA). The talk will take place at the Princeton Jewish Center, 435 Nassau Street.

The physician, who is medical director of the Laurie Imaging Center, New Brunswick, will describe the three most popular MRA methods. He will discuss the pros and cons of each technique, and the underlying physics that produces the images.

Dr. DeMarco, formerly chief of neuroradiology at the Naval Hospital in San Diego, Calif., is assistant clinical professor in the Department of Radiology at the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, and is also a neuroradiologist at the Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital.

Single Faces, a group billing itself as New Jersey's "premiere singles organization", will hold a meeting at the Palmer Inn, 3488 Route 1 South, on Saturday, February 7, at 9 p.m. The cost is \$12 and will include a buffet.

For directions, call 452-2500; for more information, call (732) 462-2406.

The next poetry workshops to be conducted by **Delaware Valley Poets** will take place at the Lawrenceville Library, Route 1 and Darrah Lane, on February 5 and 19. The workshops will begin at 7:30 p.m.

For more information, call 392-0689.

Dr. Dale Gary, professor of physics at the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT)

will be the featured speaker when the **Amateur Astronomers Association of Princeton** meets on Tuesday, February 10.

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No reservation is required.

Support Sources

The **ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) Association**, Greater Philadelphia Chapter will hold a meeting on Saturday, February 7, from 1-3, at the Lawrenceville Municipal Building, located on Route 206, directly south of I-195/I-95.

The AL support group gives patients, their families and friends an opportunity to share information, hear relevant speakers, discuss adaptive and compensatory techniques, and gain support from others.

For more information and directions, call Cathie Frieman, at 448-7036.

Community Hospice will offer a **Bereavement Support Group** to area residents, starting in February. The group, which meets in Princeton Junction, is open to the public free of charge, although registration is required.

The group is open to anyone struggling to cope with a loss in his or her life. The "Living with Loss" group offers information, opportunities for discussion, and a supportive atmosphere to help people as they experience grief.

For more information, or to register, call Caryl Tipton, Volunteer and Bereavement Services Coordinator, at 695-0329, ext. 2224.

Clubs

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The **Princeton Singles**, a nonprofit singles group for ages 50-plus, will meet for lunch at Thai Village, 236 Nassau Street, at 11:30 on February 7. Admission is the cost of the meal.

Reservations are needed by February 5. Call 896-1170.

The **Chamber of Commerce of the Princeton Area** will hold its Small Business Council Breakfast on February 11, at the Holiday Inn, Route 1 South at Ridge Road, starting at 7:45. Members pay \$16; the price for all other guests is \$21.

The focus is on networking and on providing guests with an opportunity to meet one another and to exchange information in an informal, friendly setting. John Punyko, president of Sandler Sales Institute, is the breakfast sponsor.

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For more information, call Thomas Macmanus, at 921-6509.

A demonstration of Italian cuisine by area cooks will be featured at **Dorothea's House**, 120 John Street, on Sunday, February 1, at 5 p.m.

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Minority Ed

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with no formal membership. Minority parents, as well as teachers and other interested community representatives, often attend meetings. The board liaison is Ricardo Bruce. Community co-chairs are Caroline Mitchell and Van Jordan.

Ms. Mitchell pointed out that the committee was formed to address a number of issues, including the recruitment of minority teachers and the involvement of minority parents in school activities.

Other concerns were the over-representation of minority students in special education and remedial classes; bilingual communications problems; the lack of diversity in certain curricula; and the role of the Princeton Young Achievers' program in the overall educational plan.

"We certainly have good discussions," Ms. Mitchell noted. She, too, questioned whether progress could be charted; and she stressed the need for record-keeping, as well as for evaluating minority achievement.

As the discussion continued, Interim Assistant Superintendent Andrew Rinko began taking notes. He agreed to keep minutes of the meetings so that committee members could review issues raised and actions taken. He will also notify participants of future meetings.

Minority Hiring

Ms. Mitchell said that minority hiring, always a committee concern, has not increased in the last five years. The administration may point to teachers engaged this academic year who are members of minority groups (two out of 29), she said, but it should also indicate that the same number of minority staff members has left the district.

A recent report by the district's personnel adminis-

trator Carol Sorcinelli outlined administration initiatives directed at the recruitment of minority teachers, including more advertising in the minority press. The report — and the new initiatives — were a result of requests from the Minority Education Committee.

Parent Involvement

A lack of minority parent involvement in parent-teacher activities has also always been a problem in the district, committee members acknowledged.

Marta Tienda, the mother of two sons in Princeton Regional schools, observed that immigrant parents are daunted by the prospect of facing English-speaking parents in PTO organizations.

She suggested that the board adopt a new "Parent-Adopt-A-Parent" strategy that would encourage minority parents fluent in English to help newcomers.

No Intimidation

Minority parents attend in record numbers, he said, because they feel the committee is one place they can express their concerns without intimidation. "No one has really taken notice of the kind of participation we are getting," he said.

At least two mothers who could barely speak English attended the last meeting. Other parents periodically whispered simultaneous translations from English to Spanish; and at times the proceedings came to a brief halt to allow the translators to catch up.

"One of our goals was to increase discussion of minority issues," Mr. Bruce continued. "We have identified a lot of problems and we cannot stop talking now to establish a more formal structure."

The challenge, he said, is to maintain the committee's informality, while at the same time developing a mechanism

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The Tigers were leading 31-24 when Alberto Marroquin stepped to the mat for the 215-pound bout. The burly sophomore sent PHS supporters into hysterics just 29 seconds into the second period, when he got the Pirates' Tom Rassmussen on his back and the referee slapped the mat signalling the pin. The victory clinched the win for Princeton, which forfeited the heavyweight bout to make the final score 37-30.

The victory brought to an end a long string of PHS defeats at the hands of the Pirates, the most recent of which was a 49-9 drubbing last season.

Joel Resnick gave Princeton an early lead, winning his 112 match by a pin with 37 seconds left in the final period. Mike Kopley earned a pin at 130, and Justin Cutting was a winner also, pinning his man in the second period of the 140 bout.

Dan Irby battled to a key 4-3 decision over WW-P's Steve Giletto at 145, and John Asmuth added to the Tigers' lead with a pin at 1:07 in the 153 match. Luke Johnson's 10-2 victory at 160 gave Princeton a 31-15 lead with four bouts to go. Two WW-P wins made

Marroquin's late victory necessary for the Tiger win.

Earlier in the week, PHS whipped Hopewell Valley 63-15. Winning by pin for the Tigers were Resnick at 112; Arjun Reddy at 119; Irby at 145; Johnson at 171; and Marroquin at 215.

PHS wrestles Notre Dame, away, at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, and then faces two matches on Saturday, against Trenton at 10 a.m. and against Freehold Borough at 3 p.m. Both matches are on the road.

PHS Locks in Berth In State Tournament

The Princeton High School ice hockey team assured itself a berth in this year's state tournament by tying two games by identical 6-6 scores this week. On Monday afternoon, it was Tom Shannon who swatted a loose puck into the Hopewell net with less than a minute to play, knotting the score at 6-6 to put the Tigers' record at 6-2-4.

Princeton was the underdog in the contest, as powerful HoVal has amassed an overall 8-2-3 record, and was the victor in an embarrassing 6-0 Princeton loss last month.

Just as he would later close the scoring, Shannon opened it in the first period, giving

Princeton a brief 1-0 lead. Eric Krieger and Kevin Graydon scored in the second period, to keep Princeton within a goal of the Bulldogs entering the final frame.

The Bulldogs scored first in the third period, but Graydon's second goal cut the deficit to one. Truett Urlian tied the game with his only goal of the day, but HoVal answered with 1:48 remaining to go ahead by what looked like the winning margin.

Shannon's late heroics gave PHS a taste of revenge, depriving Hopewell Valley of the win. In goal for the Tigers, Jeff Wu faced 23 shots and made 17 saves.

Earlier in the week, the Tigers struggled to a 6-6 tie against 7-9-1 Lawrence. After a 3-0 first period lead and a 4-2 second period lead both evaporated in a four-goal Lawrence onslaught in the third period, the Tigers managed to hold on for the draw.

Scoring for PHS were Ben Farber, Jim Garito, Geoff Graydon, Urlian, Kyle Hanson, and Ben Brenner.

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Minority Students

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At the high school, for example, ESL teacher Sylvia to the stepped-up recruitment efforts, he noted, a lot of several of her students be small things are already tested in Spanish, their native

language. She suggested a specific test. When there was no response from the administration, she brought the issue to the Minority Education Committee. Shortly thereafter, she got the test.

"So many times the big things take precedence on the board agenda," Mr. Bruce explained. "We have to keep raising our issues repeatedly to the administration."

Besides tracking minority student achievement and establishing a parent-to-parent outreach at the PTO level, committee participants stressed the importance of bilingual communication — in the form of school newsletters, student notices, and correspondence with parents — for all who needed it.

—Anne Rivera

Palmer Square

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it could carry a wider variety of merchandise."

All three stores are expected to have their moves and expansion completed by the end of August.

While these plans have been in the works, Palmer Square officials have also been deeply involved in preparing plans for the development that will be constructed above the garage on Paul Robeson Place. This will constitute the final phase of Palmer Square development.

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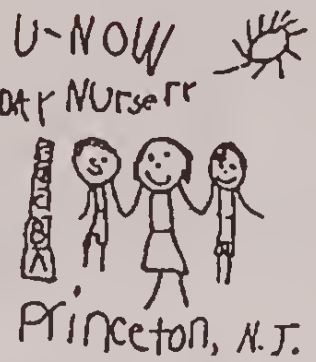
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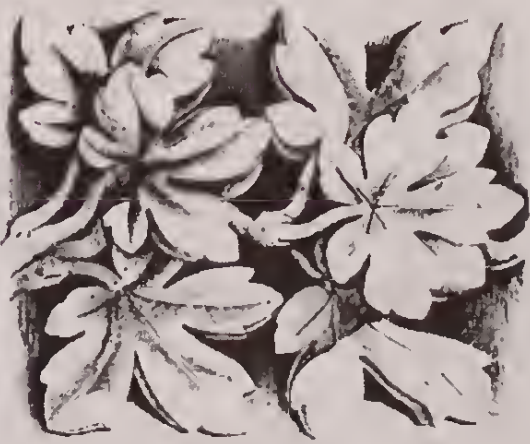
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OBITUARIES

John Francis Hoff III, 58, of Princeton, died January 25 at home. A fourth generation Princetonian, Mr. Hoff was the son of Margaret Harper Hoff and John Francis Hoff Jr., founder of Princeton Fuel Oil Co., and the great-nephew of Joseph S. Hoff, twice Mayor of Princeton Borough in the 1930s.

Mr. Hoff attended Andover Academy and graduated from The Berkshire School, Sheffield, Mass. He graduated from The University of Notre Dame with the Class of 1962.

In 1970 he was appointed president of The First National Bank of Princeton and remained in that position until the bank was merged with United Jersey Bank in 1983. He continued as chairman of the newly formed bank until 1988.

He served as a director of The United Jersey Holding Company and director for Government Banking and Relations until his retirement in 1992. Following his retirement he lived in Delray, Fla., recently returning to Princeton.

During his years at First National, Mr. Hoff exemplified the small town "personal banker," knowing most of his customers by name. He championed the small business owner and more than once granted a loan on the strength of a hand shake.

He served as either director or trustee of Palmer Square Corp., McCarter Theatre, The American Red Cross, The United Fund, Stuart School, Princeton Day School, and The American Boychoir School.

He was trustee and treasurer of the Princeton Medical Center and a member of the Medical Center Foundation. He served as chairman of the Carrier Clinic Foundation Board; the Middlesex, Somerset Mercer Regional Study Board; and The Drumthwacket Foundation. He was treasurer of the Newcomen Society of North American and in 1973 was appointed by Gov. William



John Francis Hoff III

Cahill to the New Jersey Legislation and Taxation Committee.

Mr. Hoff was a Rotarian and a former member of The Nassau Club and Springdale Golf Club.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Leydorf Hoff; two sons, John Francis Jr. of Martha's Vineyard, Mass., and William of Princeton; two daughters, Courtney Hoff White of Rocky Hill and Harper Hoff-Collins of Princeton; and two sisters, Ellen Beneke of Louisville, Ky., and Elizabeth Galvin of Moorestown.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Monsignor Walter Nolan at Saint Paul's Catholic Church in Princeton on Saturday, January 31, at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, Mercer County Unit, 3076 Princeton Pike, Lawrenceville 08648, or to Princeton Hospice, 208 Bunn Drive, Princeton 08540.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Mather-Hodge Funeral Home, Princeton.

Jonathan Burnett (Jack) Thomas, 75, of Philadelphia, died January 22 at Chestnut Hill Hospital in Philadelphia. He had suffered for several years from Parkinson's Disease.

He was professor emeritus of the College of New Jersey and a member of the school's English Department from 1966 to 1984.

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Born in Flushing, N.Y., he entered Colgate University with the class of 1943 but left for Army service in the Southwest Pacific. He graduated from Colgate in 1948.

He served as public administration intern with the Port of New York Authority from 1949 to 1955, and received an M.A. in English from Columbia University in 1957 and a Ph.D. from Rutgers University in 1966.

He served as instructor at Douglass College from 1962 to 1965. His specialty was 19th century American literature, particularly William Dean Howells.

After his retirement from The College of New Jersey in 1984, he presented a number of programs on American literature for the New Jersey State Council on the Humanities.

He was a resident of Princeton from 1975 to 1986 and was active in the Princeton Unitarian Church. From 1987 until his death he lived in Philadelphia and was active in the Unitarian Society of Germantown.

He is survived by his wife, Beverly Stewart Almgren, formerly of Princeton; a sister, Ann Marie Thomas of Warner, N.H.; a daughter, Sherry Chomitz, of Bradford, N.H.; and two grandchildren.

He is also survived by a former wife, Patricia Green Thomas of Neshanic Station; five stepchildren, and a step-grandchild.

A memorial service will be held at the Unitarian Society of Germantown on Sunday, February 15, at 3:30 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Unitarian Society of Germantown, 6511 Lincoln Drive, Philadelphia, Pa. 19119.

Audrey S. Graf, of Denver, Colo., died December 26 in Denver.

Born in Caldwell, she lived in Princeton, Loveladies, Southport, N.C., and Englewood, Colo.

She attended Cleveland High School in Caldwell and was a 1939 graduate of Trenton State Teachers College.

She taught physical education in Caldwell and later became certified in elementary education. She taught for several years in Morristown before moving to Princeton, where she taught third and fifth grades for 20 years. She became senior teacher at Riverside School and served as acting principal.

Daughter of the late Robert W. and Grace Van Ness Steinhoff, wife of the late Clifford L. Graf, she is survived by two sons, Jeffrey of Bloomington, Ind., and Gary of Larkspur, Colo.; and three grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

Cornelia Venable, 90, of Trenton, died January 18 at St. Francis Medical Center.

Born in Newark, she lived in the Princeton area for more than 65 years before moving to Trenton 3½ years ago.

A member of First Baptist Church of Princeton for more than 60 years, she attended public school in Newark.

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She was the last living member of the Royal Nine Club of Princeton.

Daughter of the late Anderson and Dora Hardy, wife of the late Prince Venable Sr., mother of the late Dora Kelch and Prince Paterson Jr., she is survived by a son, Donald Venable of Trenton, two daughters, Margaret Dorsey of Trenton and Rosalie Connor of Charleston, S.C.; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Karin Stratmeyer, 53, of Lawrence, died January 22 at Princeton Medical Center. She had been a resident of Lawrenceville for the past 12 years.

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Earl S. Henderson, 88, died January 22 at Maurice House, Millville.
Born in Princeton, he lived here all his life before moving to Millville six months ago.

Mr. Henderson was the head of the carpentry shop at Princeton University for 25 years before his retirement. He had been an active member of the Odd Fellows Lodge in Princeton and was also a member of the Princeton United Methodist Church.

Son of the late Emma and Isaac Henderson, he is survived by his wife, Frances H. Henderson; two daughters, Joan H. Lord of Hudson, N.H., and Nancy A. McConnell of Port Elizabeth; a son, James L. of Seattle, Wash.; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a sister, Marion Callaghan of Princeton.

Funeral services were held Monday at The Kimble Funeral Home, Princeton. The Rev. Dr. James H. Harris Jr., pastor of Princeton United Methodist Church, officiated.

Interment followed in Princeton Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Kevin C. Clancy, 42, of Lawrence, died January 26 at home.
Born in Plainfield, he was a graduate of Princeton High School and Davison College, N.C.

He was vice president of private banking at PNC Bank in Princeton. He formerly worked at the Bank of New York.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth A. Clancy; a son, Robert G. at home; a daughter, Mary Elizabeth at home; his father, Robert E. Clancy of Princeton; two brothers, Brian A. of Newton, Mass., and Sean E. of Princeton; and a sister, Kerry A. DeYoung of Gainesville, Fla.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Ann's Church, Lawrence Road. Burial will be in Princeton Cemetery.

Calling hours will be 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at Mather-Hodge Funeral Home, 40 Vandeventer Avenue.

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Dorothy D. White, 72, of Jackson Township, died January 22 at home.

Born in New York City, she lived in Princeton and West Windsor before moving to Jackson Township in 1983.

A graduate of Princeton High School, she was employed by Princeton University as a stenographer for 15 years before retiring in 1960.

She is survived by her husband of 45 years, Henry J. White, a son, John S. of Jackson Township; a stepson, Allen D. of Princeton; and a grandchild.

A Mass is scheduled for Wednesday at 11 a.m. at St. John's Roman Catholic Church, Lakehurst. Cremation will be private.

Peter J. Marx Jr., 83, Griggs Drive, died January 20 in the Forrester Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Plainsboro.

Born in Princeton, he was a lifelong resident.

He retired in 1988 after 25 years as a painting and decorating contractor for Morris Maple and Son in Princeton.

He was an Army veteran of World War II and a member of Trinity Church, Princeton.

He is survived by his wife, the former Rose Ann Latschar; a daughter, Pamela of Seaside Park; two brothers, Henry of Lake Worth, Fla., and Fred of Tennessee; a sister, Katherine Darlington of Florida; and a granddaughter.

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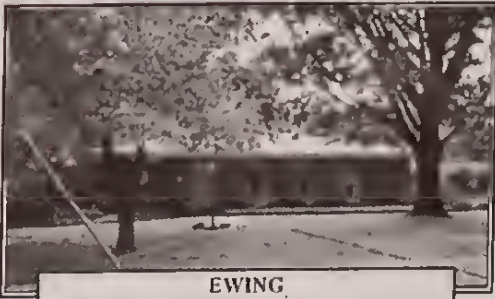
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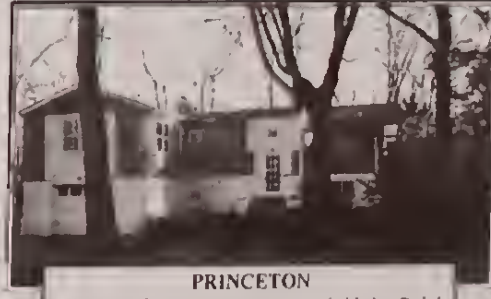
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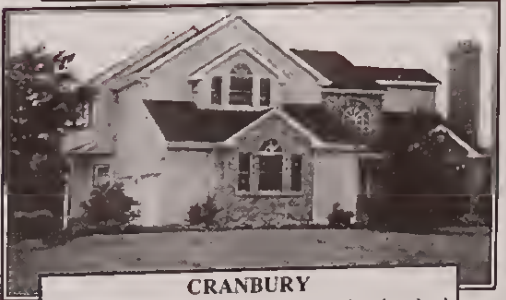
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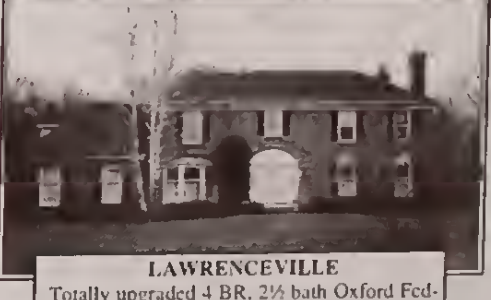
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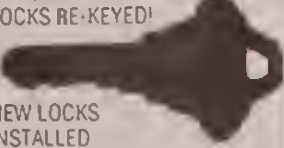
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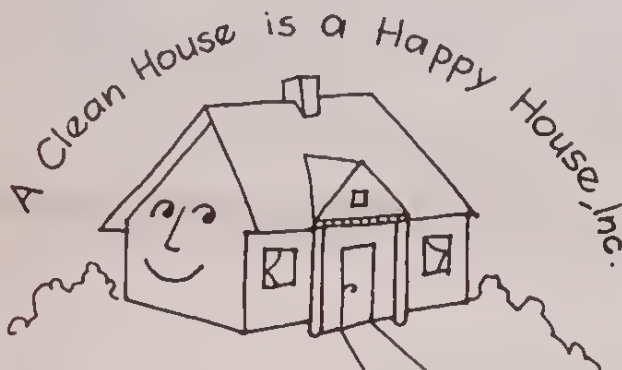


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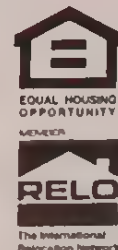
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